Call Number: **Microsoft Teams**
If you don't have the TEAMS invite reach out to Rick Mowery, Morgan Pence, or TJ Boyer

Call purpose:

To share information between and among the GAEs and the RDA to promote coordination and information exchange to and from users.

Roll Call:

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☒ John Mosley, ON, OS	☐ Casey Boesflug, AK	☐ Raymond Parrish, EA
☐ Kim Kelly, NW, GB	☒ Dylan Rader, GB	☐ Matt Ginder, GB
☐ Richard Gustafson, RM, SW	☐ Jennifer Hrobak, AK	☐ Tonja Opperman, GB
☐ Cheryl Bright, National	☐ James Newman, ON, OS	☐ Bill Gardunio (inter-agency), ON, OS
☒ Valdis Neha, RM, SW	☒ Karly DeMars, NR	☒ Patrick Doyle, ON, OS
☐ Reeve Armstrong, National	☒ Gwenan Poirier, RM	☒ Erin Noonan, NR
☐ Tom St. Clair, AK	☐ Richard Sinkovitz	☒ Amy Ham (Russell), RM
	☒ Rance Marquez, SW	☐ Scott Linn, ON, OS
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☐ Travis Neppl, SA	☐ Kevin Conn (non GAE)	☐ Abie Carabjal, SW
	☐ Thad Herzberger, SW, SA	☐ David Quisenberry, SA
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		☐ Joe Alyea, EA
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☒ Chip Collins, SW, RM, SA, GB, NR	☐ Chris Mursu, EA	☐ Kristen Allison, ON, OS
☐ Christopher Moore, NW	☐ Michael Pagoaga, EA	☐ Clint Cross, area None
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		☐ Kevin Osborne ON, OS

BOR		
☒ Laura Harger, National		

Note taker: TJ Boyer   Notes are posted [here](#)

Attachments: None

Agenda Items

Reminders/General Awareness:

- Continue to send us (Morgan Pence, Rick Mowery, or TJ Boyer) your units WFDSS training/course dates as you become aware of them. We will add them to the [GAE & Training Calendar.](#)
- The live session of the [2023 AA WFDSS Refresher(s)](#) has been posted along with instructions on how to obtain a certificate. If there are other recommendations on topics, please let us know.
  - Andrew Baily- When do we need request for topics in order to incorporate them into the agency administrator refresher next year?
  - Rick Mowery- We usually put the agenda together around the start of February. The refresher is held at the end of March, so the window are between that time frame.
- Check out the Wildland Fire Management Research, Development & Application (WFM RD&A) [newsletter.](#) The newly released "Tech Spec" features important announcements for the wildland fire community and provides significant updates.

Emerging Issues- All Call Participants

- Dylan Rader- Nevada districts are still waiting on their strategic objective shapes to be made available to us. They were submitted back in the March due date.
  - Rick Mowery- We didn't receive any FMU or strategic objective shapes from that March deadline. Something may didn't get connected through here. We'll do some tracking down and see if we can figure out. We'll check with Julie and see what happened there.
- Barry Kleckler- Needing the process of getting user back their roles when they are disabled and change agency spelled out in the GAE guide.

New GAE Welcome- TJ Boyer

- No changes that we are aware of. Please let Rick, TJ, and Morgan know if your area or agency has changes to the WFDSS GAEs.
- Josh Warden detail has ended with CA.

RDA Staffing- TJ Boyer

- James Menakis will be filling in a 120 detail as acting Program Manager position starting on 4/24.
- Clint Philips is detailing in the vice Erin Noonan position.

IFTDSS Update- Kim Ernstrom

- The IFTDSS Team is working with a group of detailers sponsored by USFS and NAFRI to develop a training curriculum for IFTDSS - this will be targeted at the beginning and intermediate users; learning/navigating IFTDSS for the first time, running basic models, using IFTDSS in burn plan development. The rollout plan is to develop and organize existing content and then prototype a blended learning experience to include in-person workshop materials. Stay Tuned for more info!
- If your area needs any additional material for burn boss refreshers (RT-300), the IFTDSS recordings from this spring are located here: [Webinars and Trainings (firenet.gov)](#) - please share widely - especially for folks that still need to meet that refresher requirement.
- Follow along and learn how a fire manager at Yosemite National Park uses IFTDSS for Burn Plans: [Planning a prescribed fire using IFTDSS to protect Yosemite's Mariposa Grove](#). IFTDSS is applicable to developing many parts of the burn plan, and the Story Map will show how it is used to inform the following sections: Element 4 (Description of Fire Area), Element 7 (Prescription), Element 11 (Organization and Equipment), Element 15 (Ignition), Element 16 (Holding), Element 17 (Contingency), and Element 21 (Monitoring).
- Map Bookmarks were released!! Great news you can now set up your map, assign a bookmark and retrieve your formatted map whenever you need it - no more turning layers on and off every time you switch to the Map.
- IFTDSS Reference Layers for Fire Environmental Safety were updated at the end of March:
    - Potential Control Locations
    - Snag Hazard
    - Firesheds (coming in May)
    - High Priority Landscapes (coming in May)
- The link to the 2023 Interagency Fire Perimeters layer has been updated.

Classic WFDSS Updates – Rick Mowery

- The timeframe for connecting to FamAuth (federal users accessing WFDSS with a PIV Card and Non-fed with Login.gov) best estimate of timeline for that is sometime toward the end of summer into the fall. The Oracle Database upgrade is a priority and must be completed before we can shift the focus to FamAuth. When we are more certain when the work will start and released to the users, we will make sure the WFDSS users know, and specifically the GAEs.
- Important for the transition to FAMAuth process is to make sure that you and everyone who needs access to this has their information current in WFSDSS especially their email address. That is the key that connects a login from Falmouth to your actual with this account. If that is not updated or has an old e-mail address, it's not going to work for you.
- We are wrapping up finally our update to our Oracle database and we will be pushing out the update for that. We're looking at early to mid-May for release.
- Important to note, because this release will involve an outage of WFDSS, probably for a day, so not just a few hours, but an actual offline time. We'll be trying to schedule that to minimize impacts to both ongoing fires, ongoing trainings, and everything else. Please have your trainings up on the calendar.
- The National POD Service just went live earlier in March, and that is a place where units from all different agencies and cooperators can view and utilize their PODS data. It is hosted on the RMA dashboard, [Risk Management Assistance Analytics - PUBS - All Documents (sharepoint.com).](#) There are instructions there for how units can add pods that they have developed into the National service.

- At the start of June, we're looking to take a snapshot of PODS data and load that into WFDSS so it can be available in WFDSS for you to view and use. However, if that's something that you would like to be able to use in WFDSS, that will have to be into the POD service before June.
- The Dev and Business team will be supporting S495 in class portion the week of April 17th.
    - Dylan Rader- Has the organizational needs assessment been updated to reflect the new RCA and CIMT aspects of it?
    - Rick Mowery- It has not. What we are looking at currently is if WFDSS were to incorporate the CIMT into a Type 1 and Type 2 incident, IRIWN will not accept that value yet. So, we've kind of held off on making that change. We will look as we go into the season here to see if we can get something into specify on the existing organizational needs assessment that selecting a Type 1 or Type 2 incident management organization would mean Type 1/complex incident management or Type 2/complex incident management. Because we're this close to sunsetting the application, that might be the extent of how we get that incorporated. In contrast, the Nextgen team has been flushing out that organizational needs assessment and relative risk assessment specifically so that it matches that new complexity form and incorporates all of the complex incident management feels that go with it.
    - Chuck Mchugh- When you get the pods linked in, is that going to be available as layers under the incident map under the objective shape?
    - Rick Mowery- We're still figuring out exactly how it'll go into the map. It'll come in as a static layer. The one thing that we know is because of how it's hosted at RMA, it won't come in with language associated with it. What it will let you do is it will display in the map. You can then take and copy it over as an incident shape. If you have specific guidance for your pods. You'll be able to see it, query it, but to actually put the language in, you'll have to copy that over for an instant. As far as where it fits in the table of contents and the map, we haven't settled that out yet. If you have a preference or suggestion, send that to us.
    - Chuck Mchugh- Tonto has one loaded.
    - Rick Mowery- There are a couple of units that have loaded it in and because right now the process that we have for it is really, really clunky, essentially, units have to load individual pods one at a time, and that's why we've been looking for a better solution. When we get this loaded in because it'll come in as a as a national static layer, it won't be under that unit fire planning for a specific unit.
    - Erin Noonan- The new Spatial Fire management plan or the new service, the Spatial Fire Planning Service that will host that, will feed into nextgen. So in context that is coming, if a unit does upload pods kind of 1 by 1 into their other unit shapes. Will that get brought over into the new special Fire planning service automatically?
    - Rick Mowery- Yes, it would be brought over like any other. Some units have loaded them as management requirement shapes and some as other unit shapes. And both of those different types would be pulled into the spatial fire planning service and so it would be available through that. If those units also uploaded those to the National Pod service, you may see some duplication. Anybody that has already put those into WFDSS would also be able to see those in nextgen through the spatial fire planning service.
    - Erin Noonan- Would we only upload them as management requirements, if those pods were somehow already gone through NEPA and were decisional if they're normal pods?
    - Rick Mowery- Not necessarily. Management requirements can come from a number of different sources. Some of those are for federal units, official policy documents or things that are laid out by national law, policy or regulation. Others can come from a priorities for a local unit and do not necessarily have to have a an EPA document associated with them. You could have pods that give you some language direction that haven't gone through that process. However, the big limitation for management requirement shapes is those are limited to your unit boundary and so you could not have ones that

overlapped outside the unit boundary onto neighbors, which is somewhat against the whole foundation that we've had for developing pods.

- o Patrick Doyle- Do those ones that are not in the national feature service need to be updated or moved over? An example is the North Coast Resource Partnership pods or the ones that cover like basically the Sierra Nevada. Do those need to be moved over to the national?
- o Rick Mowery- What we're looking to do is take a snapshot from that national pod service. If you have questions about what might come along with that, I would say Lauren Miller, who handles the pod service for the RMA dashboard would probably be your best contact.
- o Patrick Doyle- If you're looking at the 1st and pulling that data set and bring it in into WFDSS, is there another follow up time period such as in the fall that you're going to do an update or are you going to wait until out of fire season?
- o Rick Mowery- That's still to be determined. We would like to be able to update that on roughly a schedule the same as we update a lot of people to put in like FAMU and strategic objective updates. But it's kind of a new process. We're going to have to see how that goes with the staffing that we've got in our data shop.
- o We'll get this first one in and then we'll try and figure out kind of what sort of update schedule we'll have for it.

Geospatial Data – Rick Mowery

- Amanda Rumsey attended the 2023 Spring Wildland Fire Interagency Data Summit in College Station, Tx.
- Interagency Wildfire Perimeter History layer will include Wildland Fire Interagency Geospatial Services (WFIGS) perimeters from 2020-2022 for agencies that recognize WFIGS as Authoratative – NPS, BIA, BLM. Other 2020-2022 perimeters will be derived from agency Authoratative services (USFS, FWS).
- Interagency Historical records layer from WFITS being added.
- The next ETL of data from FMU/SO/MR will take place after the April submissions for v76 have been loaded into WFDSS. Be on the lookout for updated SFP services at the end of May.
- In December of 2022, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a final action to list the whitebark pine as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Although the ESA listing status changed for whitebark pine, the USFWS decided not to designate critical habitat for this species as habitat loss is not a threat to its continued survival. Because of this, the critical habitat layer displayed in WFDSS will not include whitebark pine. If you wish to include specific whitebark pine information while managing an incident through WFDSS, you must do so through the shape upload functionality.

IRWIN Status – TJ Boyer

- IRWIN dev. team is planning to conduct maintenance on IRWIN PROD on Thursday, June 1st between 0000-0100 Pacific Time. This will be a planned outage and IRWIN PROD will be unavailable during the maintenance window.
- Draft for IRWIN Ver. 9 is out and was shared during the 2023 Spring Wildland Fire Interagency Data Summit.

WFDSS Next Gen Update –Rick Mowery

- Completed Tasks
  - o Angular upgrade

- o DOI CICD Pipeline
  - o Spatial Inventory, Landscape, Relative Risk and Organizational Assessment
  - o FS Pro – 20% functional in application
- Upcoming Work
  - o FamAuth/iNAP
  - o DOI Code Repo
  - o Farsite, FlamMap, MTT SDK
  - o Charts, Text Control, and PDF
- Spatial Fire Planning Data will be managed outside the application for WFDSS NextGen through the use of the Spatial Fire Planning Service (SFPS). The WFM RD&A is working with the IFPC to further develop requirements. Please consult the [Interagency Spatial Fire Planning](#) story map to learn more and prepare for this switch. Contact Wes Hall or Susan McClendon with any questions or needs on the SFPS. Below are some key features of the SFPS:

  - o AGOL primary place to manage Fire Planning Data.
  - o Service will be ingestible by other applications.
  - o Units have control over when and who updates their data.
  - o Migrating data from WFDSS Classic.
  - o Orphaned and read only data views to check Classic data before migration.
  - o 3 Classes for non-overlapping Fire planning shapes: Subunit, Unit and Multi Unit.
  - o 1 Class for overlapping fire planning shapes: Subunit.
  - o Basis for strategy (COA) in NextGen.
- Please sign up and participate in the NextGen User Group and feedback sessions [NextGen User Groups | Wildland Fire Application Information Portal (nwcg.gov).](#)

Round Robin:

Share coordination opportunities, anticipated fire activity and trainings, share feedback from WFDSS users, etc.

- Alaska:
  - o Brian Sorbel- Snow is melting.
- Eastern:
- Great Basin:
  - o Dylan Rader- Nevada interagency WFDSS Training will be May 17th from 0900 to 1300 We may reach out and try to grab some additional regional partners as well. That's kind of yet to be determined. We're still waiting on our strategic objective shapes to be made available to us. They were submitted back in the March due date from us. Some of the districts are waiting for those strategic objectives to be made available in WFDSS.
- NorCal:
  - o Patrick Doyle- We're planning to do a May 24th WFDSS refresher. There will be a number of workshops coming up to add to the calendar. Josh Warden detail has ended so wont be GAE with North Cal. We are working on this effort to do an all lands approach of PODs. That was the first part of that was the North Coast Resource Partnership, whereas all crossed all boundaries. We're working our way around and we've already completed some of those those all lands from Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Tahoe and then Inyo. Been in talks with Cal Fire on also picking up some pieces. And then we're going to be reaching out with Southern California with also the counties Kern County, LA County, Orange County, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Santa Bernardino. They're

all interested in that as a as a tool is getting those that common operating picture of those pre attack lines, and then also defining which ones are we're going to be identifying as pods as a layer out there as well. Will update you as we get more information. I don't know if a lot of this going to make it into that June deadline. So we'll probably have some older pod boundaries that will bring in for that that will clip over. But will talk with Lauren further.

- SoCal:
- Northern Rockies:
  - o Jonathon Olsen- Still snowing in Montana. Fire season is a bit out. Starting to get some info trickling in on refreshers. Will share dates as they come. Erin Noonan Wright has been working with our T&E species folks at the Regional office to get some whitebark pine data so we can load into WFDSS based on the recent statusing of that species.
  - o Erin Noonan Wright- In the process of doing pod workshops now. We'll have a lot of them probably in the service by June, but not all of them. Northern Rockies is doing a lot of work on the whitebark pine dataset. This is a multiple geographic area data set that is going to be created.
  - o Karly DeMars- Still winter where she is at as well. BLM is also working though the whitebark pine dataset.
- Northwest:
  - o Barry Kleckler- Continue to get refreshers on the schedule as they come. Changed agencies recently and hasn't been receiving nexgen emails since Nov. Filled out the form on the old site, but not sure if it made to the new site. Will have to fill out new form on the new site. Learning the process of getting user back their roles when they are disabled and change agency. The process not spelled out in the GAE guide. Not quite winter here in the northwest, the high elevations are still is, but even the lower elevations are having a cool spring. Our seasons a bit out.
  - o Kip Van de Water- Regional WFDSS decision primer on May 2nd. Willamette is having one on May 5th. Rogue Siskiyou is having one on May 22nd. We should have current snapshot in the national feature service already for all the units that already have pods, we do have a smattering of units that they going to continue making updates and we will be popping those updated pods into the national feature service as they come in. Our goal is to have them all in by May 1st, but not super confident.
- Rocky Mountain:
  - o Amy Russell- Allison Richards is in a detail and so I'm detailed behind her. And then Lindsey Will Graham is detailed behind me as our regional fire planner. So not a permanent change in GAE, but I just wanted to make sure everybody is aware of that. We are starting to get some Type 3 fires in southeastern Colorado. Activity is picking up on state and grasslands as well down there. Nebraska and Kansas are seeing an increase in activity too. Hopefully green up comes here soon. Most of WFDSS Refreshers are complete. Do have one more scheduled the first week of May. Planning on standing up our interagency Decision Support Center for Region 2 towards the beginning of June. Pod should be all in the RMA dashboard by June.
  - o Gwen Poirier- BLM refreshers are still ongoing and whenever I get notified, I let you guys know to get him on the calendar.
- Southwest:

- - Rance Marquez- Refreshers are done for the year. Three weeks off for the lower tier of the state for fire activity. Having some activity along the Colorado River.
- Southern:

Next Call
- Thursday, July 20th 1300 Mountain Time.
- Monthly emails will come out the third week of the month for May and June.

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References
Agency Administrator Toolbox: https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/agency_admin_toolbox.php

GAE Resources: https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/wfdss-ga-editors.php

LANDFIRE Data Alerts: LANDFIRE Program: Data Products - Alerts