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

Attachments: None

## Agenda Items

### Reminders/General Awareness:

- Make sure that you and everyone who needs access to WFDSS have their information current in the application especially their email address. This is important for the transition to FAMAAuth.

### Emerging Issues – All Call Participants

- No emerging issues reported.

### New GAE Welcome – TJ Boyer

- Welcome to Casey O’Connor, NPS AK
- Welcome to Daniel Michael, USFS ON, OS
- Welcome to Morgan Voss, NPS RM, NR, EA, SA
- If you have GAE changes please let Morgan, Rick, and TJ know. We adjust the roles in WFDSS, the mailing list, and the IIA helpdesk contact list.

### RDA Staffing – TJ Boyer

- Wendy Detwiler has joined the RD&A into the vice Reggie Goolsby position. She will be working with the IFTDSS team.
- Permanent and 120 detail outreach for the Fire Application Specialist position (Vice Rick Mowery) was advertised.
- Permanent job announcement for the Deputy Program Manager position (Vice Mark Hale) was advertised.
- FTEM liaison position with RD&A has been outreached and closes by the end of July.
- Jhen Williams and Tenaya Wood completed their detail with RD&A.
- Jonah Vaughan is detailing in the vice Ben Butler position and will be working with the Data Team.
- Ethan Winter is detailing with RD&A and will be working with Fire Modeling Services Framework.

### WFDSS Quick Tip – Morgan Pence

- Demo on IRWIN Information box added to the Incident Information screen. This box contains the IRWIN GUID, and links to view the IRWIN JSON and a comparison table between WFDSS and IRWIN attributes. A Help icon is available.

- Reminder: GAEs need to switch GACCs in profile if locating a user that is not within GACC to add roles. Nextgen will allow users to be assigned to multiple GACCs.

## Classic WFDSS Updates – TJ Boyer and Morgan Pence

- 7.2.1 is released and the [7.2.1 release notes](#) are available and posted to the [What's New in WFDSS](#) page and Hot Picks section of the [WFDSS homepage](#). This release included 12 fixes/improvements.
- Highlights from this release includes:
  - A fix/improvement with FSPRO runs not getting picked up by the queue due to a java error.
  - Addressed intermittent failures from Captcha when trying to retrieve username or reset forgotten password.
  - We included CIMT (Complex Incident Management Team) verbiage to the Organizational Assessment.
- Work has started to change login method to Famauth (Eauth for feds, login.gov for others). One important thing for the transition to Famauth is to make sure you and everyone who needs access to WFDSS have their information current in the application especially their email address.
- The RD&A and WFDSS Dev team are supporting active incidents and have increased application support during this fire season. We have 2 personnel staffed from the RD&A that are on call 7 days a week.

## Geospatial Data – Amanda Rumsey and Susan McClendon

- The 2022 Interagency Wildfire Perimeter History layer is scheduled to become available by the end of Summer. Agencies that recognize WFIGS as an Authoritative source (NPS, BIA, BLM) can retrieve data from [WFIGS - Wildland Fire Perimeters Full History](#). Other agency perimeter data will be derived from agency Authoritative services.
- The 2022 historical wildfire perimeter agency layer are being prepared by the RD&A data team currently.
- We anticipate having a static copy of the National PODs Feature Service (Internal) implemented in WFDSS by the end of July.
- FMU V78 is available in WFDSS. V79 submissions are due to your Agency Leads by 9/6.
- Other data layers that became available in WFDSS since June are NPS Buildings, Other Designated Areas, and National Recreation Areas.
- Updated data layer for Sage Grouse is available in WFDSS.

## IRWIN Status – TJ Boyer

- IRWIN V9 preparation and planning continues.
- IRWIN monthly deployment of security patches and updates to IRWIN Production will occur August 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 AM ET to 8:00 AM ET. No outage will occur.

## WFDSS Next Gen Update

- Famauth- Prepping for switchover in a couple weeks. Anticipate available by August 8 so GAEs stand by for instruction on how to access the application sometime in August.
- Fully integrated with FEMS in FSPRO.
- Working on input files for FSPRO. Should be ready by the end of August.
- Decision and legacy data are left to complete.
- Fireguard has been added to Nextgen WFDSS.

- NextGen User Group and feedback sessions can be viewed at [NextGen User Groups | Wildland Fire Application Information Portal \(nwcg.gov\)](https://www.nwcg.gov/nextgen-user-groups).

## IFTDSS Updates

- Patch was pushed to production last week. IFTDSS version updates in the last few months can be found on the [Current Release Notes](#) page of IFTDSS.
- Highlights from this release included:
  - Made the “Save the shapefile to my workspace” option checked by default in the Upload Shapefile widget in Map Studio.
  - Added a "cancel" option to the Upload Shapefile widget in Map Studio.
  - Improved the resolution of Landscape Fire Behavior (Basic) Summary reports.
  - Added LANDFIRE version 2022 landscapes for Alaska.
- Addressed couple glitches from the release that were mostly GIS related. Some issues included a conflict with summary reports that were being pushed within seconds of each other ending up sharing a folder.
- Completed collaborative work with NAFRI detailers putting on workshops in R3 last week.

## Round Robin:

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

- Alaska: Brian Sorbel, NPS- In the midst of a historically quiet Alaskan fire season. So far under 2,000 acres statewide. To date only had 2 fires that had modeling going on in WFDSS and probably not many that are needed decisions. We are trying to evaluate a Canadian fire modeling system called Firecast. It's a geospatial deterministic and probability probabilistic system. It's being used extensively and many of the Canadian territories, but due to our quiet fire season, it's been a little hard to do evaluations of that and some maybe looking at some opportunities to look at historic fires.
- Eastern: Joe Alysea, FS- Fire activity starting to slow down and go into our summer season. Weather patterns have changed. Went from about 7 forests of severity to 1 have had a very minimal large fire activity in the last three weeks. Looking to do a two day Fall WFDSS training for all of our line officers and fire practitioners.
- Great Basin: Matt Ginder, FS- It's been quiet so far this season up until about 2 days ago. We mobilized 2 teams. One to the Boise and one to the Salmon Challis. Continuing to see the increase in fire activity. We're not looking at bringing any additional decision support into the region currently, but that could change depending on how busy we get.
- NorCal: Kevin Osborne, FS- Not a lot going on. Fuels are still relatively green. Our grass fires haven't risen to the level of needing any kind of WFDSS support. Keeping an eye on the Flat fire in Oregon. It could come into N. Ops and could influence with resources, but not likely to be a direct impact. Our new GAE Dan Michael has joined the call.
- SoCal: Kristen Allison, FS- Not much going on here. Went up to PL3 and came back down. We're still running above average in our fuel moisture, so activity is definitely picking up, but not a lot Fires are being picked up pretty quickly.
- Northern Rockies: Jonathon Olsen, FS- Fire activity is beginning to increase, primarily in the northwestern portion of the geographic area, Northern Idaho and Northwest Montana. We have a few Type 3 incidents ongoing, have been going for a couple weeks now and conditions

are drying out and warming up rapidly. We anticipate activity to begin to increase over the next few days. Our indices are rapidly increasing and anticipate the majority of the region to be at or above the 90th percentile by early next week. No significant needs with WFDSS right now. No immediate plans for any decision support at the moment, but that could certainly change depending on the next week or so.

- Northwest: Ian Rickert, FS- We're holding strong at a PL to right now. Flat fire is the only game in town. Although based on our indices and time of year we could have a pretty busy August. The only ingredient we need is lightning. Whenever that shows up in the forecast, I expect to be a pretty sizable bump in activity. No issues, no capacity needs to report.

Barry Kleckler, BLM- Columbia basin grass fires on the east side of the state both Oregon and Washington. Pretty manageable level for the moment.

- Rocky Mountain: Amy Russell, FS- We have some areas in the region at or above the 90th percentile and other areas that are still pretty green. So it just kind of depends where you are, whether it's critical fire danger levels are not our regional decision support group was pretty busy about three weeks ago when all three of our CIMTs were ordered within about 72 hours. Things have slowed down quite a bit since then. We have had a few type threes here and there, but not a lot of fire activity. There's still a lot of potential for large fire growth on the West slope of Colorado as well as southern Colorado, but like others have said, without the lightning, we're OK for now until the Lightning comes, then we could be in trouble.
- Southwest: Richrd Sinkovitz, FS - We have had steady activity, been at PL3 and been publishing decisions every other day or so. Same with Analysis, we're probably going to be in this atypical monsoon season for the next couple of weeks. We're getting moisture. We're getting dry lightning, but it's accompanied with very high temperatures, so we're just sticking with a steady level of Type 3 incidents. Haven't had a type one or type two team deployment all season and it seems like our conditions are going to persist for the foreseeable future. Staying at a steady PL3 and we have had some outside decision support assisting in the region, but we're pretty much just holding steady with a number of analysts that we've had. We had a couple of people kind of time out and be released and we're not adding any additional analysts to the decision Support center now.

Rance Marquez, BLM- Same discussion as Forest Service.

Zach Saavedra, BLM NM- Same discussion as Forest Service.

- Southern: David Quisenberry, FS- Slow activity. Very wet, very low fire activity in the entire region except for Texas. Texas has been having quite a bit of initial attack and ordering resources in, but no need for decision support at this time. Looks like that the conditions will stay that way for a while. We are planning some WFDSS training similar to the Eastern region in the fall.

### Next Call:

- Thursday, October 19th, 1300, Mountain Time.
- Monthly emails will come out the third week of the month for August and September.

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## References

Agency Administrator Toolbox: [https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/agency\\_admin\\_toolbox.php](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](#)