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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.

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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 Participants

- None.

New GAE Welcome – TJ Boyer

- Welcome to Wendy McCartney, BLM AK
- If you have GAE changes, please let Morgan and TJ know. We adjust the roles in WFDSS, the mailing list, and the IIA helpdesk contact list.

RDA Staffing – TJ Boyer

- All vacant positions are in progress.

WFDSS Quick Tip – TJ Boyer

- Demo on logging into WFDSS using login.gov or PIV Card.
 - Biran Sorbel- Will the user accounts still become disabled if they don't log in within a certain time period?
 - TJ Boyer- Yes, account will be disabled if users don't log in within 330 days.
 - Brian Sorbel- Will GAE editors need to reenable accounts?
 - TJ Boyer- GA editors can re-enable WFDSS accounts for users in their GAs whose accounts have been disabled due to inactivity (no access in 330 days). However, users can self re-enable a specific account with previous roles - approved email domain (bia.gov, blm.gov, fws.gov, nps.gov, usda.gov)
 - Ben Curtis- Once we make the transition to famauth and we get non agency folks that are requesting WFDSS accounts, will WFDSS direct them to go to login.gov first and create a profile there?

- TJ Boyer- When users are going through the WFDSS homepage and they select “request account”, it will direct them to the Wildland Fire Application portal screen where they will select login.gov for public partners. From there they will be directed to either sign in if they already have a login.gov account or to create one.

Classic WFDSS Updates – TJ Boyer

- We are continuing work on FAMAAuth in our lower environments. We are doing some testing scenarios to make sure a smooth transition for the new login method. We previously anticipated a late Oct. release, but at this time we are unsure of a release date due to some sick leave from devs, but we are making progress.
- We have a [WFDSS FamAuth Migration FAQ](#) doc for logging into WFDSS using login.gov or PIV card posted to the GA Editor Resource page of the WFMRD&A site and to the WFDSS homepage.
- We have heard that DOI PIV card users are currently experiencing eAuthentication issues which are preventing some DOI users from accessing FAMAAuth and other authorized applications. The FAMAAuth Development Team is working with eAuthentication to resolve the issue. A message was posted on the [Wildland Fire Application portal](#) in the User Notice box and mention some alternative solutions.
- Apart from FAMAAuth work, looking into 2024 we have couple of items to work/plan for including upgrading to Arc, upgrade to our content management system, IRWIN V9 workload, Cutover to NG workload, Prearchival work, and assessing what else we may be able to accomplish.
- WFDSS Classic tile on the Wildland Fire Application Portal will be available once we make the transition to FamAuth.

Geospatial Data – Amanda Rumsey

- FMU/Strategic Objective Shapes are due to agency leads by 11/01/23. This is the last update for 2023. The data team is working on the 2024 FMU schedule. Once available we will let everyone know. It’s probably going to mimic similar to what this year schedule was.
- PODs will be updated in WFDSS Classic twice for the 2024 fire season. PODs editing deadlines will be March 1, 2024, and June 1, 2024.
 - Tanja Opperman- Are you continuing to pull PODS from the feature service and not asking the field to submit pods to you?
 - Amanda Rumsey- Yes, we are only pulling a static copy from the feature service. The field will make their updates to the service and then they'll be due on March 1st and June 1st. Then Lauren will go in the background and do some clean up. If any data cleanup needs to happen, they'll reach out to the field. If anything looks wrong, they'll clean it all up within a week or two, and then we will pull pods from the service and so there is nothing you have to do other than editing.
- Last month, the BLM Oil and Gas Leases were replaced with Oil and Gas Wells from Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level Database (HIFLD).

IRWIN Status – TJ Boyer

- Continuing scheduled system maintenance.
- Final Business plan for IRWIN V9 was released last month and posted to the [Data Management & WFIT - Integrated Reporting of Wildfire Information \(IRWIN\) | Wildland Fire Application Information Portal](#).
- Interagency Wildland Fire Spring Data Summit is scheduled for April 8-11, 2024. Location is TBD.
- V9 Integration testing is scheduled for January 22- 26, 2024. Location is TBD.

IFTDSS Update – TJ Boyer

- The IFTDSS team is working on the ability for users to upload landscapes into IFTDSS. This has been a long asked for feature and shooting for this to be available in early 2024.
- A dashboard for displaying Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring (FTEM) data is under development.
- A general facelift to the user interface is underway. This will modernize the look of IFTDSS and make future updates easier.
- The IFTDSS team is working with the developers of FFI (FEAT, FIREMON Integrated). In the near future users will access FFI through the IFTDSS interface. Stay tuned as we get closer to making this available.
- *Introduction to IFTDSS Workshop Materials* have been developed in the Wildland Fire Learning Portal and instructions for use are in the process of being posted to the IFTDSS Website. The intent is to make these materials available to the field so local in-person workshops can be hosted by anyone without having to develop practice exercises and presentations. Please contact Kim Ernstrom if you have an interest in hosting a workshop.
- IFTDSS has been incorporated into the new NWCG Burn Boss course material that is in the final stages of finalization, and it is also in the process of being brought into the update for the S390 course as an introduction to spatial fire behavior tools.

WFDSS Next Gen Update – Wes Hall and Sara Synoweic

- Getting ready for integration testing with IRWIN meeting coming up in January. We are setting up all of our connections to pass back and forth from IRWIN. We are currently reading from IRWIN, but haven't written anything to IRWIN testing yet. That work is being started now.
- 80%-85% to completing FSPRO work running with FMSF. The reasons that's been more delayed than we originally anticipated is we had to rework some of the backend architecture quite a bit to facilitate FFS PRO and facilitate the future modeling. The work we've done will allow us to integrate the other three models a lot faster, but that work is ongoing. We're going to utilize FEMS for the weather data. They'll be calculating the indices and then we're pulling those into next Gen for the modeling portion.
- Continue work on Strategic Assessment. About 40% to completion. The UI is almost completed. We have a couple final touches on the UI and then the backend connections to make it work. After that, we'll work on strategic course of action and that kind of replaces the incident objectives and course of action in classic. Those are two big pieces for the decision process and we should have both of those near completion by the end of the calendar year is kind of our plan.
- Moving forward with Text control. We had a little bit of a deviation from our original implementation of text control to switch to rich text editing. It didn't work out for us so we're back to text control and we're working on getting that integrated so we can allow formatting in the text fields in the application.
- Dev team is working on AWS work. That work is related to configurations for OAT, Production, and Training. We should have those environments configured and online probably beginning of next year, if not by the end of this calendar year as well.
- Prioritization of Tech Transfer topics and work has started.
- Demo on getting started with Nextgen presented by Sara Synoweic.
 - Brian Sorbel- Is the plan that will all be using WFDSS classic for all of 2024 or is the plan that we would switch to WFDSS next Gen at some point in 24?
 - Wes Hall- Our original plan was to hopefully have the production environment ready to go live spring fire season of 2024, but with the scare of the last government shutdown and the pending one coming up, along with some other small technical difficulties, I

don't think that's attainable at this moment, so we don't have an official stamp date for when we released. We're kind of classing in on probably the fall of 2024. We don't want to release it during fire season for everybody because that that'll just create chaos that we don't want to create. So probably be aiming towards fall of 24 at this point. And I'll also kind of touch that on the notion that things can definitely change. When we have a better idea on some official timelines, we'll let everybody know exactly and give everybody well in advanced kind of heads up on transition dates.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
 - Brian Sorbel- BLM and I think a couple other agencies are having internal fall fire reviews right now and so we're missing a few people on this call, but we'll get the folks that are missing the call updated. Wendy, welcome to the Alaska GAE group.
 - Thomas St Clair- I'm going to Whitehorse, Canada for a conference there. I think Tammy Parkinson and Sam Amato are going to go through the basis of the process to get permission to go to Canada, but it's a review of their fire modeling and decision-making processes from this last season which was pretty busy.
- Eastern:
 - Joe Alyea- Currently Southern Tier, starting to come into its fire season. Prescribed fire is Cross the geographical area. Some forests are in windows, some forests are waiting for some weather to break to start putting more fire on the landscape. We're looking at doing a two-day WFDSS training in January with region 8. Once we've got a date for that, we'll get that out to the group.
- Great Basin:
 - Tonja Opperman- Here we don't really have a lot of wildfire activity. We've got a lot of RX going on right now. We did have a good season with fires for resource benefits and creating some good objectives to back up some of those decisions and we have a lot of new fire planners in our region. We had a lot of learning opportunities this year, which was really good and I'm going to be going through WFDSS decisions and taking a look at the good, the bad, and the ugly to see just how we can get better at ensuring that we're making good decisions in WFDSS. Matt Ginder is on a detail and Eric Neiswanger, our GAE and Fire Planner from the Bridger Teton National Forest, couldn't make this meeting. As for training, we're working with Kim Ernstrom to put on two IFTDSS trainings in January, One on the Payette and one on the Ashley.
 - Dylan Radar- We do have a Great Basin strategic Fire planning committee that's been officially chartered under the Great Basin Coordinating Group. That includes some degree of WFDSS and we're going to start looking at some internal processes as they relate to WFDSS, fire behavior requests, and user account adds and so forth. Nevada BLM may be providing some updates to strategic objective names and boundaries. We're going to have a pod workshop with the HT down in Vegas, and we're going to do a spatial fire planning day with Nevada BLM each district and may have some updates coming from that.
- NorCal:

- Kevin Osborne- Moderately busy fire season and really into prescribed fire. We have been doing a little bit of prescribed fire support with some scenario runs such as Short term/Near term, if they got a spot fire what could it do. If any other folks are doing some of that work and have thoughts on how they've done it, we would love to hear about it.
- Eamon Engber- We will be planning WFDSS refreshers, but not too well into the spring. No date set yet for that. Moderately busy year on the National Park Service units. Quite a few decisions and increasing activity in those Northwest parks. Our goal this year similar to last year is to continue mapping the HVRA's for Park Service lands and getting those represented spatially management requirements and updated strategic objectives in WFDSS and working on the spatial fire planning transitions. There are a few parks that have validated pods that have been drawn over them either been unknown or perhaps they were engaged in workshops. So, we're working to validate those by those deadlines.
- SoCal:
 - Kristen Allison- Same as N. ops, we've been heavily involved in the decision support pieces. Been supporting a lot of the local units for prescribed fire in other than full suppression.
 - Patrick Doyle- There has been less fires this year. It has been busy up north, but there's been definitely more of an emphasis as Tanya was mentioning towards fires with a resource management or less than full suppression. That's been a really good learning process for number of the agency administrators as well as those folks who are working with them and in utilizing pods as part of that process in their MAP. I think there's a lot of lessons learned to come out of this year. We are going to be doing some pods workshop for Southern California. First one will be starting at the Fire Ecology Conference at Monterrey in December, but basically the target is to complete the four Southern California Forest, but ultimately, we're going to be trying to pick up all adjacent all lands if we can at that time.
- Northern Rockies:
- Northwest:
 - Kip Van de Water- We had a decent amount of activity over the summer, but at least to me as a GAE and analysts it didn't feel quite as overwhelming as the tail end of last summer. We had a couple fires that did less than full suppression. Didn't have a lot of needs. I would just like to extend our gratitude to Rick and Lauren and the RDA folks for for making the pods in WFDSS happen. Everyone involved in that your efforts are greatly appreciated. I know it got used and now that it's going to be a regular thing, I think there will be a lot more engagement and use of pods now that there in WFDSS and can be easily updated on a regular schedule. We're going to try and get the rest of the forests in region six that have not yet created pods into the data set this winter. Hopefully we'll have some additional coverage to go into WFDSS before next fire season.
 - Barry Kleckler- I'm at our postseason fire meeting this week in Bend. One of our presentations was on some of our Spokane district fires in Washington that were shared with Canada. Wanted to give a shout out to the folks that helped with some early aspect of some keys to the fire modeling framework service and the ability to model those fires across the border.

- Rocky Mountain:
 - Gwen Poirier- It was a less demanding season for decision support than several of the past ones have been. We did have a on call coordinator for any decision support request through the busier part of this season, but now that is no longer. For the off season, we're not going to have that in play for a single point of contact. Everybody will just go through their own agencies now if there are any decision support request as opposed to the Interagency single point contact.
- Southwest:
 - Abie Carabajal- Pretty slow in the GA. Outside of us there are some prescribed fire activities. The main thing now is working to ensure that we have WFDSS users have their contact info updated. I did have a question for you about the incorporation of CIMT language into the WFDSS application. Will Part D and that functional complexity is expected to go live anytime soon?
 - TJ Boyer- We do have that on the workload for 2024, but no time frame on when it will be added.
- Southern:

Next Call:

- Thursday, January 18th, 1300, Mountain Time.
- Monthly emails will come out the third week of the month for November and December.

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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](#)