March 2023

Reminders and General Awareness:

- Watch for suspicious emails requesting account access to WFDSS application. If you think you received a fraudulent request for an account, please send the info to Morgan, Rick, or TJ so we can report it.
- Continue to send us (Morgan Pence or TJ Boyer) your units WFDSS training/course dates as you become aware of them. We will add them to the GAE & Training Calendar.
- WFDSS Training Resources is available to help users learn to use WFDSS, Spatial Fire Planning, modeling and decision resources, Quick Tips, and videos.
- The WFDSS Spatial Data Downloads and Resources link which includes refresh and FMU schedule have been added to the GA Editor Resource page.
- Annual refresher webinar on WFDSS and other fire management topics for agency administrators will be held via TEAMS on March 29, 2023 12-2pm (Mountain Time). This session serves as a WFDSS refresher for agency administrator certification/qualification requirements. The announcement from the flyer is posted at the following webpage: AA WFDSS Refresher(s). Registration is required for this webinar. Please register using the following link: Microsoft Teams Webinar attendee registration. The live session will be recorded and hosted off the AA WFDSS Refresher(s) webpage.
- New this year! If you need a completion certificate to prove your attendance to the live 2023 refresher webinar or from watching the recording, you can obtain one within the Wildland Fire Learning Portal: https://wildlandfirelearningportal.net/course/view.php?id=1990
- 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.
- Stephen Fillmore and Travis Paveglio recently published a paper in the International Journal of Wildland Fire entitled, "Use of the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) for full suppression and managed fires within the Southwestern Region of the US Forest Service". The publication can be found at: https://www.publish.csiro.au/wf/WF22206
- Wildland Fire Management RD&A (WFM RD&A) is sponsoring two ABT Narrative Gym sessions that are open to anyone and everyone. Dr. Randy Olson, founder of the ABT (And-But-Therefore) Framework, is generously offering the sessions to support our work in wildland fire. This renowned narrative framework has been implemented by federal agencies, The World Bank, Pfizer, and numerous non-profits. More information about these sessions can be found in the top announcements section in our latest newsletter and background about the ABT framework can be found at: http://abtframework.com/.

New GAE Welcome:

- Welcome Christopher Moore, NPS NW.
- Goodbye to USFS NR Raechel Compton, Justin Pappani, and Chris Waverek.

RDA Staffing:

- Tenaya Wood is detailed into Reggie Goolsby's former position.
- Jhen Williams is detailed into Tami Parkinson's former position.

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- Testing next release has started for Oracle upgrade. Will take a while to complete.
- The timeframe for connecting to FamAuth (federal users accessing WFDSS with a PIV Card and Non-fed with Login.gov) is uncertain at this time. 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.
- The Dev and Business team will be supporting S495 in class portion the week of April 17th.
- We are still investigating if we have the capacity to add in a static PODs layer this spring. Hope to have more info at the next GAE Meeting in April.

Data Updates:
- Continuing data refresh.
- FMU load in progress, expected to be loaded into WFDSS Prod by 3/29.

IRWIN Updates:
- IRWIN V8 is live as of March 15th.

NextGen WFDSS Updates:
- Wrapped up CICD pipeline.
- FAMAuth login work is coming up. Looking to get integrated this coming month.
- FS PRO SDK integration work is next.
- Spatial Fire Planning User Group met this month.
- Please sign up and participate in the NextGen User Group and feedback sessions NextGen User Groups | Wildland Fire Application Information Portal (nwcg.gov).

IFTDSS Updates:
- The development team has almost completed a major software upgrade for FTEM. The application will have a slightly different look this spring, but functionality will remain the same (with a few minor improvements).
- IFTDSS is next on the list for a major software upgrade this year that will ensure it remains "healthy" well in to the future. This work is expected to continue thru the remainder of the calendar year.
- The team is hoping to complete a few high priority enhancements along side the software upgrade, including incorporation of Landfire 2022 data and possibly adding new Landfire Look Up Rules for landscape editing to help users more easily create pre and post treatment landscapes for fire behavior modeling.
- The Tech Transfer team has been very busy this winter facilitating IFTDSS training in Burn Boss refreshers across the country as well teaching IFTDSS in fire behavior courses like S390.
- The second in person session of the National Fuels Academy was held in Florida in February and the team was in attendance to teach students how to use IFTDSS for NEPA planning.
- NAFRI hired several detailers to help with IFTDSS tech transfer this year. The selected candidates begin on March 27 and will be integral to meeting the increasing demand for IFTDSS training nationwide.

FMSF Updates:

- Continuing with V2 updates.