May 2023

Reminders and 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.](#)
- If a unit has merged and not submitted any updated FMU/SO shapes for it, you will not be able to upload any Management Requirement shapes for that merged unit. The next round of FMU/SO updates is due to [agency GIS leads](#) by the end of [May](#). That would get it processed and available in WFDSS June 28th. Until units get that submission in, any planning areas that overlap the unit will pull in the Strategic Objectives and Management Requirements from the individual pre-merge units . Please pass this info along to the units and have them reach out to us if there are any questions.

New GAE Welcome:

- Welcome Eric Morgan, USFS AK and Wyatt Palin, USFS CA

RDA Staffing:

- Jim Menakis has started his detail as acting Program Manager.
- Permanent and 120 detail outreach for the Deputy Program Manager position (Vice Mark Hale) is advertised and closes May 26.

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- The 7.2 oracle/geotools upgrade work was completed and WFDSS Prod and Training are back online. Decisions can be published at this time. We are currently working on some lingering issues, one of the more pressing of which is Values at Risk are not processing for FSPro. We are also working on addressing the Gateway timeout errors impacting users generating wind matrix. Analysts may need to try to generate the Winds Matrix a couple times before they will succeed.
- We continue to plan work for FamAuth (federal users accessing WFDSS with a PIV Card and Non-fed with Login.gov). Timeline estimation is sometime toward the end of summer into the fall. 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 [7.2 release notes](#) is available and posted to the [What's New in WFDSS](#) page and Hot Picks section of the [WFDSS homepage](#).
- We are still intending to get another release in before fire season gets too busy. However, this will depend on how long it takes to address the lingering issues from the Oracle and Geotools Upgrade and how quickly fire activity increases.

Geospatial Data Updates:

- We plan to pull a static copy of PODS on June 1st. If users would like their PODS available in WFDSS for the 2023 fire season, they must have all edits in the PODS editing service by Wednesday, May 31st by 5:00 PM.
- Once the static copy is pulled on June 1st, our data team will work with the WFDSS development team to implement PODS in WFDSS Classic. Since this is a new data source, there is not currently a timeframe for when the PODS will be available in WFDSS. Our goal is to make this data available as soon as possible, but we will let you know when a release date becomes clearer. As for functionality, the WFDSS business and development teams are

working to outline functionality over the next few weeks. More clarity on expected functionality is to come soon.

- The National POD Service is hosted on the RMA dashboard, [Risk Management Assistance Dashboard](#). There are instructions there for how units can add pods that they have developed into the National service.
- Fire Weather Zones has been identified as an urgent update to address an issue with forecasts in some locations.
- Reminder: [2023 FMU/SO Update schedule](#) is posted to the WFDSS Data page.

IRWIN Updates:

- IRWIN lower environments transition to V8 started this week, No impacts to production.

NextGen WFDSS Updates:

- Continue FamAuth and INAP integration work. Looking to get users into the User Acceptance testing environment in Mid-July.
- Continue FS Pro integration work.
- We will be adding a few more User Group sessions soon regarding some of the more recent development and some user feedback regarding previous development. 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:

- An upgrade to the FTEM user interface has been completed, users will see a little different look and feel, but the functionality of FTEM will remain the same - please report any issues if encountered through the Online Ticket System.
- Two new reference layers are now available in the Map Studio: Fire sheds and Priority Landscapes.
- The development team is also working on updating functionality with ArcPro - this work will continue. If you find any compatibility problems, please let us know.