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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: Rick Mowery Notes are posted [here](#)

Agenda Items

Reminders/General Awareness:

- Current and past GAE Quarterly and monthly notes can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- 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 WFM RD&A site and to the WFDSS homepage.
- **Current WFDSS does not use INAP or passwords** as a login method and therefore a INAP account or password is not required.
- To keep up with the effort to update WFDSS and provide your feedback on issues you have experienced with the current WFDSS system and what improvements could be made in the next version of WFDSS, check out the Next Generation WFDSS section on the RD&A site for more information.
- For those that missed The Interagency Agency Admin WFDSS Refresher hosted by FS NLOT and the RDA and want to view the recording it is available on the [WFM RD&A AA WFDSS Refresher](#) page.
- The page contains information on how to obtain a certificate of attendance for those that need it for their training record from the Learning Portal; it will count for the WFDSS – Annual Refresher requirement.
- Looking for additional refresher ideas/materials? The AA WFDSS Refresher page contains additional training refresher materials including [WFDSS Annual Refresher Training Recommendations](#), and other reference materials such as a [WFDSS/ISAP/RMA Dashboard Talking Point](#) document, and other tools and guides.
- In the interest of sharing communication, attached are two NWCG memos relating to the discontinuation of the Haines Index and the Lightning Activity Level going forward.
- The WFM RD&A AA Resources page contains additional materials for line officers, and specifically for the FS information about the Agency Admin Taskbook.
- Send us (TJ Boyer, Rick Mowery, or Morgan Pence) your units WFDSS Training dates as you become aware of them. We will add them to the [GAE & Training Calendar](#).

Emerging Issues – All Participants

- Ben Curtis- Looking at an old decision and pod lines weren't showing up. The polygons would show up fine, but the actual lines would not.
 - Morgan- Submit a ticket and if there is a specific incident or area you're looking at let us know. It may help us pinpoint the issue faster.
- Morgan- We are aware of some DOI users that have changed agencies within the DOI are experiencing authentication using their PIV card going through the wildland fire portal to access fire applications such as WFDSS and IFTDSS. So if they were BLM and now their Park Service or their FWS and now they're BLM that when they try to use Eauth to get into WFDSS or other applications like IFTDSS, the system is reverting to their previous agencies email and preventing them to authenticate to login. We have raised this issue up and the Eauth team is planning to push a possible fix on the 21st of May. In the interim, the workaround for these users is they should go through login.gov to get into WFDSS.
 - Casey Teske- Have been taking a lot of screenshots and working with the FS representatives on that to help them understand, so hopefully that's helpful.

New GAE Welcome –

- If you have GAE changes, please let Rick, TJ, and Morgan know. We adjust the roles in WFDSS, the mailing list, and the IIA helpdesk contact list.

RDA Staffing –

- Jackie Chistolini joins us as the ORISE Data Analyst Fellowship. Jackie will be working with Amanda, Susan, and Jonah supporting all things data in the WFM/RDA.
- Larry Weigand joins us as the incoming Acting Program Manager for the WFM RD&A. Larry comes from the Forest Service's Research and Development coordinating information management.
- Henry Bastian has ended his 120-day detail as lead for Wildland Fire Management RD&A
- Farewell to Tessa Nicolet- thank you for your contributions to the fire community.

WFDSS Quick Tip

- Demo on PMS 236 Part D to the WFDSS Org. Assessment .
 - Rick Mowery- A few months back we added this feature into WFDSS in response to NWCG updating some of the risk and complexity assessment forms. We just had the first incidents in the southern area to actually use this in production and there were some speed bumps. We had some users that suddenly saw a new screen in WFDSS and that's something we haven't made in a while.
 - So what we added was in an incident, if you go to your organization assessment. And you go to create a new organization assessment.
 - If you choose either of these two options, Type 1/CIMT or Type 2/CIMT. Here you're going to see another screen that was not in WFDSS last season.
 - So if you select Type 1/CIMT or Type 2/CIMT and publish, it takes you to another screen called functional complexity and there you will have to rate each of the five major ICS areas: command planning, operations, finance and logistics at either low, moderate, or high and that is a rating of what the needs of the incident are in that area and put in some comment about this.
 - So this is the opportunity for the local unit to describe what the incident is going to take. For example, if you have a very remote incident that you know is going to require personnel in remote spike camps, is going to require extra communication infrastructure or extra ways to move people around, you might rate the logistics for that incident as high and note some of those things in the comment field.
 - Once you have filled out all five of these, you will be able to move on to the next screen. We did add some notes straight out of the NWCG form to kind of describe what sort of things that this area is related to.
 - Once you fill out all of those, you'll be able to publish and it will take you back to Org assessment screen. So once you are in here, we hit return.
 - The functional complexity shows up in several places for you. It will appear if you go into the assessment and look specifically in the org assessment, you'll see this button here that says view functional complexity. That will let you see what you have in there right now, and then all of this information will appear in your decision, both in the draft decisions if you make a PDF draft for a decision on screen in the draft decision and then in your actual publish decision, so if you look at the risk section of the decision where your organizational assessment is, you will see all of those ratings and the comments that go with them there in the decision.
 - Cary Newman- Had a question about that just this morning and we were going to sit down next week and run through a scenario and training. Depending on which incident management organization you choose, whether it be Type 1 CIMT or Type 2 CIMT is that is that also going to dictate what type of agency administrator qualification you're needing?
 - Rick Mowery- NWCG is in the process of phasing out the idea of T1 and T2 altogether and going to complex incident management teams. That is not been

adopted uniformly across all of fire management. For instance, for the Forest Service, Agency administrator, qualifications are still rated out at Type 1 and Type 2 or are rated so that a T1 incident requires a certain qualification. A certain agency administrator qualification is certified for Type 2 incidents. As far as what that looks like when there aren't T1 and Type 2 incidents and it's just complex incident management is still a question that's getting taken out in a lot of ways. For right now, my understanding is that FS agency administrators are still looking at which of those two buttons you picked in WFDSS, whether it was Type 1/CIMT or Type 2/CIMT to make that determination. That's a question that's still kind of in flux and things are still getting figured out, so keep an ear out for any changes.

Classic WFDSS Updates –

- We deployed 2 separate emergency releases from the recent upgrades to the application. 8.3.0.1 was the first emergency release that addressed the bug that caused WFDSS to miss some updates from Irwin when older information from final fire reporting sources that were being populated.
- The second release 8.3.0.2 addressed a bug that prevented fire modeling results from being generated after the GIS software upgrade.
- The 8.3.0.1 and 8.3.0.2 release notes are available and posted to the What's New in WFDSS page and Hot Picks section of the WFDSS homepage.
- We are still on schedule to release 8.3.1 by May. This release is focused on more upgrades, few bug fixes, and some prep work for archiving WFDSS data. We will push this out on Training on Friday the 19th, and planned to do Prod on Monday April 22.
- 8.3.2 release is being planned to incorporate overflow work from 8.3.1 that were removed and any critical bugs that come about.
- EAuth access issue impacting some DOI users that have changed agencies within the DOI- some DOI users correct email is not being read from their PIV by Eauth, instead reverting to their older agency email. Although this can impact access to WFDSS, its not a WFDSS bug as it impacts access to other EAuth connected applications. We have elevated this issue, the work around presently is for these users to use Login.gov no their PIV.

Geospatial Data-

- Devs are working on the Arc Pro 3.2.2 upgrade for WFDSS.
- WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape v83 were due to their agency leads for submission 4/4. Devs are currently working to get FMUs loaded into the application. The next scheduled data for v84 due to agency leads is 5/30.
- The April POD update is complete, next scheduled editing deadline is due June 1, 2024.
- The [2024 WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape Update Schedule](#) is available and posted to the [WFDSS data page](#).
- Overview of O&M efforts in 2023 (releases, major bugs, On-Call Support, issues)
 - Eamon Engber- For retardant avoidance, there isn't a national product for Park Service. There are a number of parks, at least in our region, that have developed management requirements for retarding avoidance and just wondering if that's something that we can incorporate into a retardant avoidance later or at this point, if it's just better to kind of keep it at the unit level with the management requirement for MPs units.
 - Jonah Vaughan- It's something we've talked about. If you pull up the aquatic layer and it covers Forest Service lands but not the rest. Will need to chat with the developers and reach out to me after this and we'll see what we can get done.

IRWIN Status-

- Continuing scheduled system maintenance.
- Draft business plan for IRWIN V10 is being reviewed. Current V9 business plan and other information can be found at [Data Management & WFIT - Integrated Reporting of Wildfire Information \(IRWIN\) | Wildland Fire Application Information Portal](#).
- Interagency Wildland Fire Spring Data Summit wrapped up last week in Boise.

WFDSS Next Gen Updates-

- Training Environment coming soon. Anticipating coming online before July.
- More communications coming from us in terms of user groups, maybe on strategic assessments or maybe if you all are interested in some geographic area editor specific user grouped or trainings.
- We have the UAT (user acceptance training) environment up and running and set to where you can log in and look at what things are doing. Anyone is welcome to the application. When you put in a request, it will go to the WFM RD&A to approve. Everyone who was a GAE back in October already has access to the UAT environment.
- We've created some instructions both for users requesting accounts, but also for GAE and support roles to be able to manage those accounts.
- FS Pro is almost 100% completed.
- If you have a need for demos or joining calls for anyone curious about Nextgen WFDSS let us know.
 - Richard Sinkovitz- Received an email from INAP and mentioned WFDSS UAT access has been removed. Has that happened to anyone else?
 - Rick Mowery- It has happened to users. INAP will let you have multiple roles in an application. We have a lot of folks who when they either requested an account or when we set up the accounts, receive several roles. For example, GAE, author, and viewer roles. INAP just went through at our request and made a change to the application to where for WFDSS Nextgen users are only going to be allowed one role in the system because that's all they need. Anything else just is extra stuff that makes for confusion and opens the door to errors and bugs. Users received an email saying all the extra roles that you had on your account were being removed, leaving you just the one that you need. It was especially confusing because people got this who either did not realize that they had an account set up in WFDSS UAT for them or thought that it was in reference to WFDSS Classic. WFDSS classic does not use INAP at all.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
 - Peter Butteri- Alaskans will be meeting at 1300 today to prep for refresher.
- Eastern:
 - Matthew Malesic- We're fairly busy. We had a pretty busy season in the Southern Tier. We only have had one incident that went through WFDSS decision since last call. It went smooth. We actually had a decision support group that helped them through that and feedback from that group was having previous WFDSS trainings and WFDSS training online really helped them get through that as well as the decision support group. We're still working with some forest to get some updated spatial fire planning into the system and that will be coming probably for the next round here soon. We're still planning on doing a training in the fall. Dates have been soft at this point, but we'll have updated dates hopefully by next call and we'll be able to share those.
- Great Basin:
 - Dylan Rader- We're doing our Nevada WFDSS training on May 16th from 0900 to 1300 and there'll be a meeting registration link. I'm also part of a Great Basin strategic Fire Planning committee and we're working a memo that we hope to get released through the coordinating group out through the geographic area to just identify WFDSS support primarily Fban, Ltan, Sopl, WFDSS author type support. Both in preparation for decision support team, regional decision support team, but also just pool some limited resources for worst case planning needs as well.
 - Jeremy Sisneros- Idaho has a WFDSS refresher for Twin Falls District May 3rd 1000.
- NorCal:
 - Kevin Osborne- N. ops planning a region wide a button pusher type WFDSS refresher for

May 21st. Dan Michael is organizing the meeting.

- Eamon Engber- We do have a region wide WFDSS refresher on April 26th at 1000. It's for NPS and AAS. Otherwise, low risk for large fires on NPS lands in the regions currently.
- SoCal:
- Northern Rockies:
 - Karly Demars- Had our BLM Spring Fire meeting and discussed WFDSS but are planning WFDSS refresher for early June.
- Northwest:
 - Ben Curtis- We're not planning any region wide WFDSS refreshers, but I think locally units are doing some and dates have been sent. Although I did have one question that I missed asking earlier, the ground evacuation time, version two that the RMA groups been working on and we were just curious if that was going to make it into WFDSS around the same time it shows up in the dashboard, which I think Rick said was going to be early May.
 - Jonah Vaughan- Yes, we will bring that in.
- Rocky Mountain:
 - Amy Russell- Dates have been sent in for refreshers. We are getting together in May to start preparation for standing up our WFDSS Decision Support Group, which will occur in June. No current needs at this time. Fuels conditions are really varying across the region at this time. Some areas are still dry, some areas there starting to green up or are still under snow up in the higher elevations, but we're still getting some IA and we are gearing up for prescribed fire season.
- Southwest:
 - Richard Sinkovitz- Very little fire activity in the Southwest right now. We have gone into PL-2. Haven't seen any decisions being published for the Forest Service recently, had a pretty good snow packed this winter. We're getting a delayed start to the Southwest fire season. We have been meeting as a decision support committee, getting together analyst contact list as we get closer to PL3. We'll probably send out a decision support center interest form for folks over the next month if they're interested in helping support fires as we get into the Southwest fire season. Most of our agency administrator and WFDSS refreshers are in the past now.
 - Valdis Neha- SW is fairly quiet on our end. We have new line officers and FMOs so we are validating, setting up their WFDSS accounts, and help troubleshoot some of the questions they have.
- Southern:
 - David Quisenberry- Calming down in terms of fire activity. Since we're accessing WFDSS with the PIV cards now well. Users roles timeout after lack of use or will you always be able to log in if you're PIV card is good?
 - Morgan Pence- For the users that are accessing it with one of the pre approved federal agency emails, so that is the Forest Service, the BLM, the BIA, the Park Service and FWS. For those five agencies, your accounts or your profiles will still become disabled through lack of use after 330 days. However, those specific users that subset that I just said the email they actually have in the system, if it's their federal email, they can auto reenable their account and get back in. So the caveat is it wouldn't work if say you're forest service user, but you're using your WFDSS account with your personal Gmail account. It won't be able to do the auto renewable because the system is only allowing the auto reenable if your email in the system is one of those five federal agency emails that ends in their domain. For all of the other users who are using a firenet email, or aren't federal user, their accounts would disable after 330 days of no use and then it reverts to how we used to manage before we did the PIV card. A GAE will need to reassign the users roles for them to get back in. So for the vast majority of the federal users, even though their account will disable, they can do the auto reenable. The non feds and those feds that are choosing to use email addresses other than their agencies one will have to work with the GA editor if their account becomes disabled to get their rolls back.

Next Call:

- Thursday, July 18th, 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](#)