

WFDSS GAE July 2024 Call Agenda

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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:

BIA	BLM	FS
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<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Kelly, NW, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Casey Boesflug, AK	X <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Ginder, GB
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Gustafson, RM, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Dylan Rader, GB	X <input type="checkbox"/> Tonja Opperman, GB
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reeve Armstrong, National	X <input type="checkbox"/> Karly DeMars, NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Erin Noonan, NR
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<input type="checkbox"/> Patty Johnson, OS, ON, NW, GB	FWS	<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Curtis (BLM OR/WA), NW, AK
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Abendroth, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> Jon Wallace, SA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abie Carabjal, SW
<input type="checkbox"/> Chip Collins, SW, RM, SA, GB, NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Conn (non GAE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Quisenberry, SA
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<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Shelton, OCFA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Olsen, NR (primary)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rocco Snart, CO		<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Stratton, area None
BOR		<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Teeter EA
<input type="checkbox"/> Laura Harger, National		

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Note taker: Morgan Pence **Notes are posted [here](#)**

Attachments: None

Agenda Items

Emerging Issues – All Call Participants

none

Reminders/General Awareness:

*****THIS CALL WILL NOW BE HELD MONTHLY WITH THE INTENT TO INCREASE COMMUNICATION WHILE WE PREPARE TO TRANSITION TO NEXT GEN WFDSS*****

- Current and past GAE Quarterly and monthly notes can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- WFDSS release notes can be viewed and are posted to the [What's New in WFDSS](#) page and Hot Picks section of the [WFDSS homepage](#).
- 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.
- Wes Hall has been working with GACCs creating a NFDC GACC Dashboards tailoring them to their needs. Please share with whomever you think would be interested. If they can't access, Wes can add them if they send him their username for NIFC AGOL:
 - SW -
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/e2db49a0c843410e80dca2ae684dcdae/page/DSC/>
 - SA -
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/00392b14a05c46d599545959f024b97b/page/DSC/>
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 - GB -
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/0e46f8500e05472691f555026b286a0c/page/DSC/>
 - AK -
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/81510d6af0854904a37339e51c1fb9e1/page/DSC/>
- 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](#).

- GAE calls will now be monthly to incorporate more NextGen WFDSS topics and Demos. Next GAE call is Thursday, August 15th, 1300, Mountain Time.

New GAE Welcome –

- Welcome to Brett Smith, FS NW
- 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 –

- Patrick Johnson will be joining the RD&A into the vice Jim Riddering position on 8/11.
- Wendy Detwiler has started her 120-day detail as IFTDSS team lead.
- The 9/11 Fire Application Specialist 120-day detail closed Friday. This position will be placed on the IFTDSS team.
- Dan Mindar providing on call support for WFDSS this fire season. He will be back on covering the week of 8/12.

Classic WFDSS Updates –

- No major releases implemented. Continuing patch work and maintenance.
- NWS is migrating their forecast data services to a new API application for a more secure hosting infrastructure. This includes the service that provides forecast data for fire modeling. They originally planned to shut off legacy data services back in June, but postponed to TBD so that the new API application can be upgraded to include all of the elements we rely on.
- No updates from FAMAAuth for E-Auth access issues. This is impacting some DOI users that have changed agencies within the DOI- some DOI users correct email is not being read from their PIV by E-Auth, instead reverting to their older agency email. The work around presently is for these users to use Login.gov instead of their PIV.
- WFDSS notification issues have started back again. We have a continuing problem where text notifications (including feedback, FLAME Act notices and Fire Behavior Requests) from WFDSS to Verizon cell phones are getting delayed by anywhere from 4 to 12 hours with messages eventually coming through all at once. Notifications to email, even if you get that email on a Verizon phone, are unaffected. Other cell providers are not affected. This is not the first time this has happened with Verizon. We looked into this and it's not anything on the WFDSS end. So, for Verizon cell phone users that get notifications through text messages, those notifications may be very delayed.

Geospatial Data –

- For FMU/Strategic objectives shape uploads, V84 was uploaded to production and training at the end of June. We're just doing 1 more FMU updates for the year. V85 is due to agency leads 9/5.
- Reminder- the WFMRDA data team has an established support email for issues or questions regarding data sets wfmrda.datasupport@firenet.gov this will allow any of our data team to respond more quickly

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](#).

WFDSS Next Gen Update – ALL GAEs have access

- Demo showing the UAT environment (EDU and OAT access are forth coming.) UAT = User Acceptance Testing. GAEs can all access UAT, if you have issues please reach out.
- Access for Users
 - If someone tries to access but don't have it they will get the option to request it. GAEs will then need to approve this using the Famauth Admin (formerly known as iNAP). You will look at "pending requests" and then grant the access. Edit the users profile and check to give them access to the system desired and the role desired
 - Roles in NextGen are additive, abilities only increase, you lose no abilities with increasing roles, only gain them.
 - Please keep your profile information up to date in Next Gen so users can locate you: Do this by going to Profile> editing the information. In NextGen you can support more than on GA AND Agency at a time.
 - User Support section provides Help content on how to do things and new features
 - There is a User Search to locate users
 - My Home- provides dashboard to your active incidents and watch list. My Active Incidents provides links to any incidents you are involved in. My Watchlist are incidents you choose to follow even if you aren't involved yet (incidents remain there until you remove them).
 - Question from Cary if you can sort the My Watch list, Yes you can.
 - Question from Richie- when should we start encouraging users to get into the system? Answer- We are allowing all users into the UAT system that request it for the purpose of learning and offering feedback. IN the next couple weeks EDU should be available.
 - Missy- is there an option to be "national" for your GA? Answer- No, but we will get that request in so it can be.

IFTDSS Update –

- Continue system maintenance and patch work.
- Updated service links for IFTDSS references layers.
- Ensuring reports and shapefiles are functioning.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska: FS- no report. Tom- they have a decision support center review next week. If you mean to be involved but didn't get the invite reach out to AK GAEs. Casey O'Connor- thanks for support and training.
- Eastern: FS- quiet mostly. Little drought in N.J. area. Brenden Nealin Center Manager retired, Jen Parrish will be the new Center Manager

- Great Basin: BLM ID- few decision needs popping up but nothing too big. Some talk of initializing a RIST in GB in the future. FS- increasing activity with modeling in UT and NV.
- NorCal: None
- SoCal: NPS- using WFDSS on Sequia
- Northern Rockies: FS- using RIST for decision support. Several large incidents and expecting more fire wx.
- Northwest: FS- Busy but using “normal” system by calling the Region for dsc support and they are working to get people to incidents and providing some virtual. If you know of SOPL/LTAN that wants to travel reach out to Ian. NW not using RIST, send requests to Ian.
- Rocky Mountain: FS/BLM- quiet last week, only supporting a few incidents
- Southwest: FS- dropped to PL2 a couple weeks ago, but back to PL3. New active fires are starting to get moisture. Persistent activity in Tonto Basin due to fine fuels. BIA- supporting several incidents.
- Southern: FS- wx reducing fire activity so supporting western areas. Question about if they should hold on submitting SO updates. Answer- No, we encourage submissions so they can be used on current incidents and already be there for NextGen

Next Call:

- Thursday, August 15th, 1300, Mountain Time.

Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

- WFDSS Operations and Maintenance: TJ Boyer tederell.boyer@usda.gov , Rick Mowery rick.mowery@usda.gov, Morgan Pence morgan.pence@usda.gov, KC Shedden kenneth.shedden@usda.gov
- WFDSS Data: Amanda Rumsey amanda_rumsey@NPS.gov
- WFDSS Role Issues: Contact the On Call Coordinator: 208-387-5253
- IRWIN WFDSS liaison: Morgan Pence morgan.pence@usda.gov, Rick Mowery rick.mowery@usda.gov
- Active incident decision and analysis support: All NFDSC personnel, best to contact On Call Coordinator (208) 387-5253
- WFDSS NextGen Sam Amato sam.amato@usda.gov, Wes Hall Wesley.hall@usda.gov , and Sarah Synowiec sarah.synowiec@usda.gov
- IFTDSS: Bre Schueller, Wendy Detwiler, and Kim Ernstrom, Brianna.schueller@usda.gov, wendy.detwiler@usda.gov, kim_ernstrom@nps.gov
- GAE call management: Tederell Boyer tederell.boyer@usda.gov
- When in doubt contact the On-Call Coordinator and they will route you: (208) 387-5253

References

- Agency Administrator Toolbox: <https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/index.php/interagency-agency-administrator-toolbox>
- GAE Resources: <https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/index.php/decision-support-toolbox/ga-editor-resources>
- LANDFIRE Data Alerts: [LANDFIRE Alerts | LandFire](#)