

WFDSS GAE August 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:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Rocco Snart, CO	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Aeby, N. ops	<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Stratton, area None
BOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Jenna Harsha, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Teeter EA
<input type="checkbox"/> Laura Harger, National	<input type="checkbox"/> Leta Douglas, SA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brett Smith, NW (Detailed)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Hornsby, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan O'Connor, NW

Note taker: TJ Boyer Notes are posted [here](#)

Attachments: None

Agenda Items

Emerging Issues – All Call Participants

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.
- We have the [UAT environment](#) (User Acceptance Testing) up and running for Nextgen WFDSS and set to where you can log in and take a 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.
- Nextgen WFDSS UAT help site is located here:
<https://doifirefighterlawenforcementtm.mcoutput.com/wfdss/Content/Home.htm>
- 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](#).

New GAE Welcome –

- Welcome to James Dickson, BLM NW.
- Welcome to Dan O'Connor, FS NW.
- Welcome to Ryan Aeby, FWS N. Ops.
- Welcome to Jennifer Harsha, FWS GB.
- Welcome to Leta Douglas, FWS SA.
- Welcome to Benjamin Hornsby, FWS SA.
- 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 –

- Larry Weigand wrapped up his detail with the RDA as acting Program Manager.

- Greg Dillon joins the RDA as acting Program Manager for 120-day detail.
- Dan Mindar providing on call support for WFDSS this week.

Classic WFDSS Updates –

- We continue to spend majority of the time providing system support. No issues with the application. We have increase system checks for analysis and lcps being hanged up in the system and our team as well as our wonderful devs have been jumping on top of those and getting them resetted back to assigned state.
- The latest update for NWS migrating their forecast data services to a new API application is they have suspended working on the new forecast API while they tackle other pressing issues. They don't expect to pick up that work until after fire season, likely mid november. and they committed to communicating with us when they actually start back up that work.
- Deployed a release, 8.3.1.3, to which we applied a fix where other unit shapes that are lines were not included in the values at risk. We are working to have the release note posted to the [What's New in WFDSS](#) page and Hot Picks section of the [WFDSS homepage](#).
- We continue communication with NWS to get ready for transitioning to the new forecast weather feed and continue to work on our archiving and transition plan with nextgen.
- WFDSS team completed testing last week for a fix with a critical vulnerability in GeoTools. In result, the vulnerable part of GeoTools could be cut out without affecting application performance. We are waiting for a pre and post scan from NESS to confirm any vulnerabilities.
- Six of the top 10 busiest days in WFDSS occurred in the past few weeks.
- WFDSS notification issues continues. 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.

Geospatial Data –

- Reminder for FMU/Strategic objectives shape uploads, we're just doing 1 more FMU updates for the year. V85 is due to agency leads 9/5. The [2024 WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape Update Schedule](#) has been updated and posted to the [WFDSS data](#) page to reflect.

IRWIN Status –

- There was a latency issue in IRWIN on 8/2 that resulted in a temporary disruption in integration causing a few duplicate records. IRWIN ended up restarting their whole system. And it came to find out that issue was found because WFDSS reported the problem. We have done enough in the way of setting up our system for alarm bells, logging issues that come up, and giving warnings on things well enough that IRWIN is using WFDSS to troubleshoot.
- Draft business plan for IRWIN V10 is being reviewed. IRWIN team anticipate a v10 release to Production on 3/5/2025. 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 –

- Demo

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
- Eastern:
 - Joe Alyea- Quiet in EA. Majority of resources are supporting western incidents. Looking at drying trends in West Virginia and Ohio. KBDI's higher than normal for this time of year, but still have leaf on.
- Great Basin:
 - Jeremy Sisneros- GB has Mac stood up for close to 30 days. Decision support is stood up as well. Have been intercepting a bunch of those fire behavior requests and sending those through the Rist and seems to be a functional model. It's been busy and kind of going through a little bit of a quiet time right now. Ee are looking for some opportunities for folks to help out with that, either in a decision support kind of coordinator lead type of position or other like RIST lead or Intel.
 - Dylan Radar- Relatively slow fire season for Nevada. ERC's are trending pretty high across the northern portions where we got cheatgrass and fine fuel loading, but eastern portion of the state still relatively low.
- NorCal:
- SoCal:
- Northern Rockies:

- Jonathan Olsen- We're doing our decision support through the RIST structure organization and that's been working really well so far as far as. For current conditions things have mellowed out quite a bit over the last couple of weeks. We've been getting some regular rain, so most forests have dropped from very high to extreme, down to high or moderate. No WFDSS training planned for the foreseeable future.
- Northwest:
 - Kip Van de Water- Pretty busy for awhile. Things are starting to trend down. Decision Support groups are starting to wind down.
 - Barry Kleckler- Thanks everyone for the support. Things have been stabilized.
- Rocky Mountain:
 - Gwenan Poirier- We had been busy for about a week and 1/2, multiple decisions, PL3, which was the highest we've been so far this year, but we got some good moisture across most of the geographic area and are back down to PL-2 with fewer incidents needing published decisions. We are seeing some drying conditions happening in the next couple days, but then some moisture coming behind that. We think our activity will kind of stabilize where we've been towards the end of the month though we will be in a warming drying trend again.
- Southwest:
 - Richard Sinkovitz- Pretty minimal activity. Went to PL 2 this week. No new analysis run for about a week or so. No publish decisions a little longer than that.
 - Valdis Neha- Very minimal activity within the BIA units. No planned training.
 - Rance Marquez- SE Arizona very dry, we mobilized few resources NW. As you move to the northwest of the state, though, we're still kind of moderate conditions. Popping some IA, but no major WFDSS activity for the last five days here.
- Southern:
 - David Quisenberry- Low activity but are seeing drying conditions in Texas and Oklahoma. Working on a Fuels advisory for portions of Texas, and we went to PL 2.

Next Call:

- Thursday, September 19th, 1300, Mountain Time.

Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

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- 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
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- 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](#)