

WFDSS GAE October 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.

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

Attachments: Nextgen WFDSS FAQ (sent via email after meeting)

Agenda Items

Emerging Issues –

- Brian Sorbel- What kind of training resources that will be available for Nextgen WFDSS?
- Wes Hall- Will cover before the Spatial Fire planning service Demo.
- Rick Mowery mentioned in meeting closing- You don't have to wait on scheduled meetings or demos to get an orientation with Nextgen WFDSS. If you are interested in something in your area, please let us know and we can accommodate.
- Sara Synoweic shared Nextgen FAQ during the meeting closing- Nextgen is developing a really robust library of resources for that local level kind of things. Looking to host videos and recordings on Nextgen sharepoint site and Youtube.

Reminders/General Awareness:

- Current and past GAE Quarterly and monthly notes can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- 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 Ryan Foote and Brett Williams, FS 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 –

- Kristen Allison detail as Deputy Program Manager is ending this week.

- Erin Noonan-Wright will be starting her detail with the RDA as Deputy program manager next week.
- Thanks again to Dan Mindar for providing on call support for WFDSS. His assignment ended Monday.

Classic WFDSS Updates –

- Continue maintaining system functionality and support.
- Continuing sunsetting and transition activities for the application which includes converting files to archive and storage space testing.
- We will be adjusting the authentication process, which will require users to have a FamAuth account (what was formally known as iINAP). This security requirement requires accounts to become inactive if someone hasn't logged in 60 days.
 - This means every WFDSS user will have to have a FAMAUTH account. You will need a FAMAAuth account anyways to access Nextgen WFDSS.
 - If a user logs into any application in FAMAAuth that uses what was formally known as inap, that will count as having logged in within 60 days.
 - This should take Classic out of the bucket of applications of the ongoing issue with DOI users and their PIV cards to access the WFDSS.
 - Demo on logging through FAMAAuth with a PIV card for accounts that have a known FAMAAuth account and WFDSS profile already exist.
 - Demo showing what it would look like if a nongov user who has an existing WFDSS profile but doesn't have an existing FAMauth account.

Geospatial Data –

- The last FMU/Strategic objectives shape uploads for the year have been loaded into Production environment.
 - Jonah Vaughan –
 - **WFDSS Classic Data Management**
 - As of October 2024, no additional FMU/SO Shape updates will be processed for WFDSS Classic
 - FMU/SO Language Edits and MR Shape Upload and Edits can still be made
 - 01/06/25: Last export of FMU/SO/MR shapes and language from WFDSS Classic into the Spatial Fire Planning Service (SFPS) for use in NextGen WFDSS
 - 01/06/25 Onwards: FMU/SO Language Edits and MR Shape Upload and

Language Edits can be made in Classic but they won't be imported into SFPS for NextGen

- **Spatial Fire Planning Service**
 - Testing View and Edit Application to be released in November 2024
 - This data is an export from Classic but won't be the final service for NextGen, edits you make here won't go into NextGen
 - Final Shape and Language export from Classic will occur 01/06/25
 - Production View and Edit Application release in January 2025
 - All edits made in the SFPS Production application will be maintained for use in WFDSS Next Gen

IRWIN Status –

- Discussions continue with IRWIN Team and SIT/209 regarding ADS for Incident Complexity Level and WFDSS NG.
- IRWIN on schedule of IRWIN v10 which is scheduled to be released in production on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. For more information about the enhancements and development of IRWIN v10 refer to [Data Management & WFIT - Integrated Reporting of Wildfire Information \(IRWIN\) | Wildland Fire Application Information Portal](#).

WFDSS Next Gen Update –

- Demo – Spatial Fire Planning Services
 - Kim Ermstrom – Once nextgen is turned on and classic is phased out, Will past fires be ported over to next gen or will there be a lag time before you can access old fires?
 - Rick Mowery - So there's a couple things that fit into that timeline and there's a little bit of uncertainty on timing on it. So the plan is once we have next Gen. production launched. We will kind of same day, same time set classic to read only and what we mean by that is we won't be pulling in any new incidents from IRWIN. We won't be allowing users to create more new stuff in classic and we'll be working with any ongoing incidents to transfer information for those incidents over into next Gen. For fires that are already closed out, the plan is to have those available to look at some of the materials not in next Gen., but will have an interface where you can look up for example a fire from 2023, 2020, or however far back in next Gen. and download like a package of materials that we pulled from classic for that incident. So, things like analysis, published decisions, shapes, some of the things like that. We're not certain if we will have that interface ready right at production launch for next Gen. So, in that sense, there may be a little bit of a lag before those can be accessed through next Gen.

Importantly, they will not be something that you would have in next Gen. the same as all of the current incidents. It's more like you can download the archive of it.

- Patrick Doyle- If these past incidents are archived into this system of pulling records fire modeling wise, does that mean only the completed runs will be available or will the full data set be available?
 - Wes Hall – Just completed runs, so if there is runs out there you want to retain, you probably want to jump in and mark them complete.
 - Wes Hall – In nextgen we will have 2 completion categories or statuses for analysis. There will be a completed for operational and a completed for strategic use status.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
 - Casey Boespflug- No opportunities going on here.
- Eastern:
 - Matthew Malesic – Had some forest reach out for decision support help. Still coordinating that with the folks that they have on for decision support. Allan Hepworth had a good walk through with Nextgen WFDSS from Sam Amato. Today's showing was good. For anticipated fire activity, we are abnormally dry for this time of year in most of the Eastern region, specifically the Great Lakes and kind of going into the Southern Tier into Missouri a little bit. Not a whole lot of fire activity right now, but all of our indices and fire danger is showing elevated risk. We are being vigilant where we can. We are currently in an RX pause. Mainly all of the work that's being done in our region is suppression based.
- Great Basin:
 - Jeremy Sisneros- Speaking from BLM GB MAC. MAC is still in place like day 85 now. We do have weather in states, so getting rain and potential snow in places. Looks like we're going to be on the downhill for the Great Basin, MAC, probably to end sometime around the 23rd, 24th hopefully. Not a lot coming in WFDSS for requests. Using analysis through RIST for that support.
- N. Ops/S. Ops:
 - Kevin Osborne- Fire activity across Cali is still ongoing. Doing WFDSS support for Shoe fire in S.ops. We are still well above average for most of our indices, not as far as we were two weeks ago, but still above average. We have some offshore winds starting today, so likely to see some increases in activity. We did have some ad hoc decision

support stood up over the summer, but for the most part, now it's just internal California folks picking things up and support.

- Patrick Doyle- We're still working through some of the WFDSS refresher training that we're planning for this next summer or spring coming. Another thing that is coming through that doesn't really directly but indirectly will be feeding into Nextgen, because we have this directly as soon as anything you do in spatial services show up in nextgen platform, SB11101, basically a California legislation, they have passed legislation that next year the State of California will be completing all the rest of the PODs for the stat that in non Fed lands.
- Northern Rockies:
 - Tate Fischer- No issues, no concerns for RM. Raining and snowing in the high country
- Northwest:
 - Ian Rickert- Last 48 hrs picked up wetting rain. Fire activity is on downhill. We are focusing on Nextgen moving forward. Really from this point on, we're going to be focused on a some education and be really getting folks to key into the spatial fire planning services and some of the opportunities that I think that brings about, at least compared to the legacy system.
- Rocky Mountain:
 - Cary Newman- Like most of the rest of the interior West, we've been dominated by high pressure for the last few weeks. We've had varying degrees of fire activity, mostly in the northern part of the geographic area. We got a fire ending event moving in. Generally, the southern part of the GA will be out of fire season within the next seven days. Moving out the next week or so the northern Great Plains are going to stay well within fire season. As far as activity goes, really, we've only got 1 fire in the geographic area. Looking forward to this next weather event that's finally coming in and hopefully except for maybe the Great Plains zone, which is Nebraska and South Dakota, Rocky Mountain area will be out for a while. Thanks to Sara Synoweic for joining FS fire planners week after next and get us in board and give us some great insight into what we need to take our educating efforts out to the rest of the GA for Nextgen.
- Southwest:
 - Zack Saavedra- Hot and dry for the most part. ERCs 90th, 97th percentile. Starting to get some weather coming through with some precip and snow up in the higher elevations and getting prepared for transition next Gen
- Southern:
 - David Quisenberry- The big news is we have 2 new GAEs that joined, Ryan Foote and Brett Williams. We have a nextgen training scheduled in early December. As far as conditions, we're we don't have really anything right now any kind of decision support activity going on, but we're definitely on the edge of the fall season beginning and it could go either way. We got tested today and will for the rest of this week with some dry, windy weather, but the mountains where most of our fall activity is not really got

any activity yet. We're planning to work with the risk group for decision support to help us manage any resources that we bring on.

- Question on modeling, how will that workout when supporting incidents outside WFDSS.
- Wes Hall- What we're looking at now initially for 1.0 release, we'll have FS Pro integrated into the application and as long as the FEMS data and all of our supporting services are ready at the same time, then FS Pro will be in the system and available to use, but we will be missing the other three models when we do transition into next Gen. WFDSS. That's because the priority moving forward after production launch will be getting MTT far sight and basic integrated into the application as well, and some of that work will probably happen even prior to us moving into production come next March/April time frame. Hopefully it's a short extent and it'll probably only impact maybe SA and SW primarily where we will be missing the other 3 models. However, to provide the ability to get outside model results into the application, we will have an area with an analysis called analysis summary, and this is really intended as like a free form text narrative field where users can put in images, fire behavior images of different model runs outside the application. Any runs that are done outside the system initially until we have the other models integrated, you can still upload those results as an image, JPEG or bitmap into that rich text editor and it'll end up in the WFDSS decision that way.

Next Call:

- Thursday, November 21st, 1300, Mountain Time.

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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](#)