

WFDSS GAE November 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:

- [WFDSS FamAuth Access Info](#)
- Via email- Nextgen WFDSS FAQ

Emerging Issues – All Call Participants

Reminders/General Awareness:

- In early December, WFDSS will use FamAuth for Authentication. Users will need a FamAuth account to access the system. The [WFDSS FamAuth Access Info](#) document contains information, directions, and a flow chart to assist you with the transition.
- Current and past GAE Quarterly and monthly notes and recordings can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- Nextgen has posted new demonstration videos and recordings on [WFM RDA Youtube page](#).
 - [WFDSS NextGen Spatial Fire Planning Service Shape Approval \(Demonstration\)](#)
 - [WFDSS NextGen Spatial Fire Planning Service Edit Categories \(Demonstration\)](#)
 - [WFDSS NextGen Spatial Fire Planning Service View Data \(Demonstration\)](#)
 - [WFDSS NextGen Spatial Fire Planning Service Edit Language \(Demonstration\)](#)
- Nextgen WFDSS UAT help site is located here: <https://doifirefighterlawenforcementtm.mcoutput.com/wfdss/Content/Home.htm>
 - Expect this link to change to something more friendlier. Hosting team is in the process of finishing up getting URL set up and help content moved over.
- 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 –

- 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 –

- Erin Noonan has started her 120-day detail with the RDA as acting Deputy program manager since last report.
- Greg Dillon will continue his detail as acting Program Manager with the RDA through early December. The RDA is continuing to work through the hiring process to backfill the Vice Program Manager detail position.

Classic WFDSS Updates –

- 8.3.2 is on schedule for release early December. This release includes the slight change to how users log into WFDSS, few minor fixes/improvements, and archival support work.
 - With the new login change:
 - 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 (FEMS,SIT- 209, EGP, IROC, etc), that will count as having logged in within 60 days.
 - This new login change should take Classic out of the bucket of applications of the ongoing issue with DOI users and their PIV cards to access the WFDSS.
 - No change for role requests. WFDSS will still handle all role requests.
 - Continuing sunseting and transition activities for the application and figuring out which data we're archiving and how.

IRWIN Status –

- IRWIN on schedule of IRWIN v10 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](#).
- IRWIN v10 Integration testing event scheduled for Jan 27th – 30th.

Geospatial Data –

- 01/06/25 will be the last export of FMU/SO/MR shapes and language from WFDSS Classic into the Spatial Fire Planning Service (SFPS) for use in NextGen WFDSS.

- After 01/06/25, 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.

WFDSS Next Gen Update –

- Demo Spatial Fire Planning Services
 - Spatial Fire Planning Service -
 - [The Interagency Spatial Fire Planning Service Beta \(SFPS\)](#) is now LIVE!
 - View of the application and the SFPS is available in the NIFC AGOL ORG. All Org users will be able to view SFPS Data - NOT EDIT the data.
 - To test the editing interface for SFPS Language and Shape attributes, you can request a data manager role at:
<https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/home/group.html?id=475acae405ab4ba49352f7c96e6823b4>
 - Further information will be forthcoming on workflow/process to edit/add new SFPS shapes to the new NIFC Org feature service.
 - Please use the Feedback button on the service homepage to provide Feedback to the WFM RDA team (We will be accepting feedback on the testing interface until December 31st, 2024).
 - To OFFICIALLY edit Spatial Fire Planning information, please continue to use WFDSS Classic for changes to Strategic Objective or FMU language and Management Requirement shapes/language until December 31st, 2024. After December 31st, 2024, any Spatial Fire Planning changes made in WFDSS will have to be duplicated in the Production version of the Spatial Fire Planning Service (Planned for release mid-February).
 - For steps on how to interact with the SFPS, there is a blue question mark icon on the upper right of each application page with a demo of how the page functions and how to edit the data.
 - Kevin Osborne- Aren't pre-defined course of action without NEPA why FS lost 'fire management plans' and had to switch to FMRS?
 - Rick Mowery- You should never put in your spatial fire planning anything that would conflict with what's allowed in your LRMP. That is an absolute. But if your LRMP says you have a range of options based on the values at risk and hazards present, nothing precludes taking time to look at your ground, thinking about the values at risk and hazards present in an area and selecting a likely (or default) course of action for that area, so long as it is within the range of options analyzed in your LRMP. It does not commit you to a specific course of action for a fire (unless your LRMP designated something specific) it just helps to keep recommendations from pre-fire planning available when you have an ignition.
 - Kevin Osborne- Agree in theory, just want all FS folks to know that the reason FS units no longer have Fire Management Plans and have the

FMRS in their place is because FMPs were too specific in response functions without appropriate NEPA - it was not necessarily that the FMP violated the LRMP, it was more that the LRMP was generic enough that making a more specific decision prior to the emergency situation or without supporting NEPA was deemed a violation. In that case at least the FMPs were receiving line officer signature - there is no specific place that this will receive a line officer approval until the decision is signed. A default COA in WFDSS that is not tied to another NEPA document beyond the LRMP is likely to meet with similar court rulings for the FS. Just food for thought. It is not surprising that request for the default COA came from NPS given their FMPs are/have document specific NEPA analysis.

- Eamon Engber- I highly question that this COA change came from NPS, this is the first time I heard that may be the case. Not that the source really matters, and it may just be an ISAP thing, or to provide consistency with the 209 strategy...but my gut feeling (without tracking this down) is this would have come from the FS - based on experience with WFDSS decisions in R5 and being asked by FS line officers (approvers) on more than one occasion to remove pre-loaded Strategic Objective language (often role of wildland fire in wilderness) from wfdss decisions for wildland fires that are full suppression strategy - a request I have not been able to complete (we don't edit pre-loaded SO's on incidents). Anyway, more to learn on this new COA option...
- Kevin Osborne- I don't think the COA option will change the auto language around strategic objectives(non-overlapping shapes) or management requirements (Overlapping shapes) - that will all still be there unless a unit removes it, which they should only do if they modify their LRMP since that is the source of all that language. I actually think an auto COA is probably redundant in many cases, particularly if the language in the overarching SO is already specific or prescriptive - the SO (non-overlapping shape) is by definition a response to fire.
- Susan McClendon- We added back the country code in anticipation of international support. We will be fixing the sorting based on the UNIT Name in the next release (v85 FMU).
 - Note the MR corruption occurs on the export, the data is still viewable and viable in WFDSS Classic.
- WendyMcCartney- For BLM Alaska, we're looking at making some pretty significant updates to our District FMPs based on a number of resource management plan updates and that will probably entail some spatial data updates as well. I was just curious for those folks who need to load new data layers or update the existing ones that have been brought over. When should we expect to be able to do that safely? Do you have an idea of a good date for us to be able to get into the spatial data planning and make those updates.
- Jonah Vaughan- As of now, you can make shape and language updates to FMU/SO Language edits and MR shapes all the way up 1/6/2025. From that point that will be our final pull of data out of WFDSS classic to incorporate into SFPS for use in Nextgen WFDSS.

- **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

- Susan McClendon- I'd add that the shape edits will take place in Arcgis Pro as a check in check out process. We're working on that guide, but it's very similar to what you do with pods. If you've been working on pods or you have a staff that's been working on pods, they should be familiar with the check in check out and work on the Geospatial side of the data. Again, we split the language out to make it a little bit easier for people who are non geospatial centric to edit their language and make those fixes online in the application Jonah just showed.

- Barry Kleckler- If there are multiple unit-wide SOs or MRs will they all come through into the UNOS?
 - Susan McClendon- It'll be multiple entries. It's going to come across as multiple like that. So there'll be some clean up where people might have some duplicate language.
 - Don't panic if you're missing management requirements. We did trace that down yesterday and just we knew we were missing a few. We just didn't catch the scope of the technical problem on the Oracle side. So it was a little bit bigger than we thought and I'm working to get those in.

- Chip Collins- Going back to the predefined course of action field, but I'm wondering like what's the intent of that field? How does what you enter in there

end up showing up in a decision? What are the implications of predefined course of action versus an actual incident course of action that's developed?

- Susan McClendon- In the application, when you're running through the strategic assessment or the course of action stepper, you'll be able to choose a spatial fire planning shape. If you have predefined that course of action, then that is what you will be presented with. If you want to change that course of action, you will be allowed to. You have to write a justification of why you changed it and that will go into the decision. There is no link though between the spatial fire planning data in the application for editing it. So, if you change that course of action on the fly because conditions warrant it, that's not going to change in your parent data, will still remain whatever you set it as default for the next fire in that area. We're allowing you to override it, but we're also allowing you to set the default, so you don't have to decide what you want it to be while you're working through the steppers. It is not a required field in the spatial fire planning and I don't anticipate we will make it required.
- Eamon Engber- Is this a way so like if you got a fire in an area you can manage fire for resource benefits, but you don't want to do that right now. Does it then allow you to take a different course of action, essentially?
 - Susan McClendon- Yes.
- Kevin Osborne- For the majority of GAEs, which spatial fire planning AGOL group is likely to be appropriate?
 - Jonah Vaughan- It kind of depends on your GIS savviness. The most obvious one would be the data manager where you can be editing language. Even that goes back on planners more than anything else. But then if you're comfortable in ArcGIS Pro then you'd be fine in that shape group as well to be editing those and building those shapes. We'll also be launching the updated version of the jurisdictional agency layer in January before SFPS application production environment goes live so that you'll have your brand new unit boundary shapes in the JA layer to just copy and paste if you want to put some unit wide objectives in there.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
 - Casey O'connor- Working on getting training for next Gen. It's good to see everything moving along.
 - Mike Butteri- Thanks to Sam, Wes, and Susan showing up for the demo next gen. last week. It was helpful.
- Eastern:

- Joe Alyea- Eastern area fire activity in the western part of the GA is subsided, eastern part of the GA still pretty active. We've got decision support up supporting multiple states from Maine all the way down to Jersey. We are still working on scheduling some next Gen. training for early winter to early springtime. Don't have those dates yet, but we'll get those out.
- Great Basin:
 - Jeremiah Sisneros- BLM ID is pretty quiet.
 - Matt Ginder- No real fire activity. We started some trainings with our Fire Planner group and have some stuff scheduled with Wes December 19th, and then we'll be looking to schedule some additional stuff for our agency administrators into the spring.
- N. ops/S. ops:
 - Kevin Osborne- No anticipated fire behavior. We have not scheduled any WFDSS next Gen. trainings. Kinda hoping to let it mature just a little bit more before we go down that route. Based on what we've been seeing and hearing from what's available out there right now. It's definitely on our radar and no other region WFDSS training is planned. No needs or concerns.
- Northern Rockies:
 - Karly DeMars- Cleaning up WFDSS reports and ensuring that fires are being called out. Little fire activity.
 - Erin Noonan- We are still doing some prescribed fires just around the GA. As far as training, the Forest Service has something planned and I can get the dates on the Flathead National Forest, maybe early spring. Much like North OPS, we're sort of we immersed in fire hire and other activities. We're waiting for the development of next Gen. to kind of get more flushed out and hoping to kind of invest some time on this coming January to release our tackling for the training.
- Northwest:
 - Barry Kleckler- For BLM things are pretty quiet. We did have our postseason BLM meeting last week and for feedback on AAR of the CIMT process and the pre mobilization calls that happened with that. Just for some feedback trying to stress the connection between that pre mobilization call and the PMS 236 Part D that is done in WFDSS and kind of help agency administrators and making that connection that is the tool that should be utilized.
 - Ian Rickert- Entire focus is on Nextgen WFDSS at this point. Fire activity is quiet.
 - Maija Corliss- Fire activity quiet for FWS. Looking to doing Nextgen training at our FMO meeting in the Spring.
- Rocky Mountain:
 - Amy Russell- We are still pretty dry and portions of our region, but we're not experiencing very much fire activity at this point. We're beginning to implement some RX burning and starting pile burning. We'll be scheduling some WFDSS next Gen. trainings after the first of the year but haven't jumped in too much yet.

- Gwen Poirier- I want to thank RDA for doing presentations at our postseason meeting in December. Appreciate that for spatial fire planning service as well as Nextgen.
- Rocco Smart- Nothing for the state.
- Southwest:
 - Rance Marquez- Very light IA in the southwest part of the state. Not planning on any WFDSS trainings at this point. As North OPS and South OPS looted, waiting to get flashed out a little bit. I am playing with it to get folks ready and other than that folks are on AL and things are pretty quiet other than on the hiring front.
 - Valdis Neha- Just trying to get a lot of our line officers up to speed with next Gen. rolling out. We do have some change over in line officers, so it'll be fairly interesting. A lot of them are fairly new to the fire side. No training schedule, but potentially we may be looking at something for the spring FMO meeting.
- Southern:
 - David Quisenberry- Activity really light. Don't see that changing in the next week or so. I've got the next Gen. training on December 10th. Hoping to get tons of people through it that day and maybe scheduling one or two more in late winter. I'll work with y'all to schedule those.

Next Call:

- Thursday, December 19th, 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](#)