

February 2024

Reminders and General Awareness:

- Current and past GAE Quarterly and monthly notes can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- Save the date! Interagency Agency Administrator Refresher will be held via [Zoom](#) on March 14, 2024 11:30-13:30 (Mountain Time). Attendees can access a course certificate after the webinar through the [Wildland Fire Learning Portal](#). Login and select Self Enroll. Don't have a Learning Portal Account? Create one on the Learning Portal. Check out the WFM AA WFDSS refresher page for updates to the agenda: <https://wfmrda.nwccg.gov/agency-administrator-toolbox/aa-wfdss-refreshers>
- 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](#).
- Next GAE call is Thursday, April 18th, 1300, Mountain Time.

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:

- [Data Analyst Fellowship through the ORISE Program](#) – applications must be submitted by 2/16/2024 and 11:59:00 PM EST.

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- Testing continues for having the LANDFIRE data from 2022 uploaded.
- Work continues for updating our Operating system.
- We are continuing testing for 8.3. which mostly include IRWIN v9 work, some FAMAuth cleanup, and adding PMS 236 Part D to the Organizational Assessment. We have one bug that will be resolved with this release which was discovered in the training environment during the R8/R9 WFDSS refresher. When multiple users are working on an OA at the same time, a published org assessment could be overwritten. We are shooting to have 8.3 released 2/26. We want to get this in the system before IRWIN v9 is released 3/6.

Geospatial Data Updates:

- Attending the Federal UC conference.
- Spatial Fire Planning standards submitted to the geospatial committee.
- No updates were submitted for v81 of the FMU/strategic objectives shapes. The Data Team will be preparing for the next version upload which will be v82 and those shapes are due to their agency leads for submission by 3/7.
- PODs will be updated in WFDSS Classic twice for the 2024 fire season. PODs editing deadlines will be March 1, 2024, and June 1, 2024.
- The [2024 WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape Update Schedule](#) is available and posted to the [WFDSS data](#) page.

IRWIN Updates:

- IRWIN is on track in the release of IRWIN v9 which is scheduled to be released in production on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Information about the enhancements

and development of IRWIN v9 can be viewed at [Integrated Reporting of Wildfire Information \(IRWIN\)](#).

- The IRWIN team is planning on disabling v8.0 PROD at 2300 Mountain Time on 03/05/24 and going live with v9.0 PROD at 0300 Mountain Time 03/06/24.

NextGen WFDSS Updates:

- Hosting environment work is ongoing and will be completed soon. This work included:
 - o Moved over to DOI code repository last week.
 - o Code freeze work completed.
 - o FS code repository decommissioned. This was used as backup. Still some configurations and settings that need to be done.
- FS Pro work nearing completion.
- Working on PDF generator, Strategic Assessment (objectives and requirements), Strategic Course of Action, and getting the production environments stood up
- Starting on CMS added into the app pretty soon.
- Nextgen WFDSS anticipate sending out a newsletter starting in March. This will introduce users to Nextgen WFDSS coming online as well as CMS topics, user demos, and feedback sessions.
- We have the [UAT environment](#) up and running 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.
- 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.

IFTDSS Updates:

- Upload landscapes is live for users. Users can upload their own custom landscapes to the system and use it to run models, etc.
- Increase in workshops and interest learning about IFTDSS. IFTDSS team have been hosting workshops including at Fuels academy in Southern AZ.
- IFTDSS team is looking at working with the Wildfire Crisis Strategy and building an example landscape to work through that. This should fit together with some of the work for the fuels Academy around March in Flagstaff, AZ.
- IFTDSS team is working on a newsletter that will likely come out at the end of February.