

May 2024

Reminders and 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 WFMRD&A site and to the WFDSS homepage.
- Looking for additional refresher ideas/materials? The AA WFDSS Refresher page contains additional training refresher materials including [WFDSS Annual Refresher Training Recommendations](#), and other reference materials such as a [WFDSS/ISAP/RMA Dashboard Talking Point document](#), and other tools and guides.
- The [WFM RD&A AA Resources](#) page contains additional materials for line officers, and specifically for the FS information about the Agency Admin Taskbook and a [FS Line Officer/AA FAQ](#). The [Forest Service Line Officer Desk Reference for Fire Program Management](#) (aka Line Officer Guide) has been updated for 2024.
- 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 TJ, Rick, and Morgan know- we adjust the roles in WFDSS, the mailing list, and the IIA helpdesk contact list.

RDA Staffing:

- The 9/11 Fire Application Specialist is currently posted on USA Jobs and will be open May 13th thru May 23rd. This position will be placed on the NextGen team.
- The 120 detail for 12/13 Fire Application Specialist position as IFTDSS team lead is in motion.
- Kristen Allison will join WFMRD&A as acting Deputy Program Manager for 120-days starting June 2nd.

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- WFDSS classic released 8.3.1 late April. This was the last planned code release for classic and focused on more upgrades, few bug fixes, and some prep work for archiving WFDSS data. [8.3.1 release notes](#) are available and posted to the [What's New in WFDSS](#) page.
- Currently, WFDSS team is supporting the upcoming fire season and working on transitional planning with Nextgen. We have an 8.4 release that consist of this work and effort for preparing classic.
- For a general timeline, we anticipate having classic in a read only state meaning not reading new incidents into the Application from IRWIN somewhere between late winter this year and early next year of 2025. Ultimately, our goal is to turnoff Classic around Spring 2025 and users completely in Nextgen for a smooth transition. We will continue to have more information down the road and any guidance if there will be any prep work users will need to complete for a smooth transition.
- The forecast feed outage in WFDSS has been resolved and restored.
- The FAMAAuth team has delayed a workaround fix to address the eAuth issues being experienced by DOI users that change agencies with DOI. The planned fix was scheduled for 5/21.

Geospatial Data Updates:

- There will be only 2 more scheduled WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape updates for the year. The next submission, v84, is due to their agency leads for submission 5/30. The last submission, v85, is scheduled for 9/5. After that we're locking the spatial fire planning data in Classic so that we can migrate it to the Spatial Fire Planning Service for Nextgen WFDSS. If you have anything you want adjusted for this fire season, or you want to make some tweaks before everything gets migrated to NextGen and think you're going to be busy in September - submit those now to your agency leads.
- The next PODs editing deadline is due June 1, 2024.
- The [2024 WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape Update Schedule](#) is available and posted to the [WFDSS data page](#).

IRWIN Updates:

- IRWIN Production environment has updated the geospatial lookup layer this week.
- Draft IRWIN v10 business plan has been posted. Information about the enhancements and development of IRWIN v10 can be viewed at [Integrated Reporting of Wildfire Information \(IRWIN\)](#).

NextGen WFDSS Updates:

- FS Pro is working in the application but needing to update our Landfire products list.
- Continue going forward with Strategic Course of action.
- On schedule for completing Landscape edits.
- GAEs are invited to review the draft workflows for Account Request and Account Management (GAE and Support role specific) in advance of the Training environment roll-out. The UAT environment is open to all users at this time and can be utilized for testing these workflows. Please contact Sarah Synowiec (sarah.synowiec@usda.gov) with any questions or comments regarding these workflows.
- 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:

- Current focus for IFTDSS will be on upgrades and enhancements this year.
- Continuing to work on FTEM Dashboard for release this year.
- FTEM being presented at a Fire Learning Network Workshop in TN -The team will be presenting how to leverage IFTDSS for the 12 step Wildfire Crisis Strategy process at the National Fuels Meeting for the Forest Service next week.
- The IFTDSS team helped facilitate 6 Introduction to IFTDSS workshops since January - Thanks to Region 4, Region 2, and Region 5 for hosting. IFTDSS was also used in several RX300 Burn Boss courses and RT300 Refreshers as well as being tested as part of S390 and S490 in the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain GACCs. Upwards of 350 participants were able to gain a better understanding of spatial fuels planning and the use of IFTDSS in their work in fire management so far this year!