

WFDSS GAE March 2025 Call Agenda

Call Number: [Microsoft Teams](#)

If you don't have the TEAMS invite reach out to ~~TJ Boyer~~ (TJ on Paternity Leave Feb-April), Rick Mowery or Morgan Pence

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"/> Shawn Kelley, EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Wendy McCartney, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Malesic, EA
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom St. Clair, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Williams, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Parrish, EA
<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Kelly, NW, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Casey Boespflug, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Ginder, GB
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Gustafson, RM, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Dylan Rader, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Tonja Opperman, GB
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Bright, National	<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Hrobak, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Gardunio (inter-agency), ON, OS
<input type="checkbox"/> Valdis Neha, RM, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> James Newman, ON, OS	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Doyle, ON, OS
<input type="checkbox"/> Reeve Armstrong, National	<input type="checkbox"/> Karly DeMars, NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Erin Noonan, NR
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<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Sorbel, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Saavedra, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Amy Ham (Russell), RM
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Barnes, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Rance Marquez, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Brett Smith (Detailed), NW
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Anderson, ON, OS, NW, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Boeck, National	<input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Sanders, NR
<input type="checkbox"/> Eamon Engber, GB, OS, ON, NW	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Sisneros, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Ian Rickert (BLM OR/WA), NW, AK
<input type="checkbox"/> Casey Teska, National	<input type="checkbox"/> Barry Klecker, NW	<input type="checkbox"/> Trevor Miller (BLM OR/WA), NW, AK
<input type="checkbox"/> Patty Johnson, OS, ON, NW, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Hird, RM	<input type="checkbox"/> Shawn Burt, ON, OS backup
<input type="checkbox"/> Nathan Williamson, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> James Dickinson, NW (backup)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Curtis (BLM OR/WA), NW, AK

<input type="checkbox"/> Cody Wienk, NR, RM, EA, SA	FWS	<input type="checkbox"/> Kip Van de Water (BLM OR/WA), NW, AK
<input type="checkbox"/> Windy Bunn, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Saperstein, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Maier (BLM OR/WA), NW, AK
<input type="checkbox"/> Missy Forder, National		<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Sinkovitz, SW
<input type="checkbox"/> Travis Neppl, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> James Roberts, ON, OS, NW, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Caggiano, RM
<input type="checkbox"/> Calvin Farris, ON, OS, NW, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Tate Fischer, RM, NR, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Alison Richards, RM
<input type="checkbox"/> Diane Abendroth, NR, RM, GB, SW, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh O'Connor, ON, OS, NW, GB	<input type="checkbox"/> Francisco Salazar, SW
<input type="checkbox"/> Chip Collins, SW, RM, SA, GB, NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Conn (non GAE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Abie Carabajal, SW
<input type="checkbox"/> Casey O'connor, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Adams, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> David Quisenberry, SA
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<input type="checkbox"/> Darren Finley, AK		<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Caggiano, RM
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Nickel, AK	<input type="checkbox"/> Leta Douglas, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> Clint Cross, area None
BOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Hornsby, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Olsen, NR (primary)
<input type="checkbox"/> Laura Harger, National		<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Stratton, area None

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Dan O'Connor, ON, OS
		<input type="checkbox"/> Carol Ewell, ON, OS
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Foote, SA
		<input type="checkbox"/> Brett Williams, SA

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

Attachments: Directions for acquiring AA Refresher certificate

Reminders/General Awareness: Morgan

- In December, WFDSS Classic transitioned to a new login process. All users will need a All GAE call notes and recordings can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- Nextgen WFDSS has posted demonstration videos and recordings for both Nextgen WFDSS and Spatial Fire Planning Services on [WFMRDA Youtube page](#).
- New Nextgen WFDSS help site link is located here: [Welcome to WFDSS](#). The content is currently being updated.
- Send us (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 –

- New GAEs this last month: Michael Caggiano FS RM. Please communicate GAE changes with Rick Mowery, Morgan Pence to ensure you get the proper user roles, invites to the calls, and contact info to the IIA Helpdesk.

RDA Staffing –

- The RDA Program and Vice Program Manager remain vacant. We are working with our WO and RMRS POCs as needed.

Classic WFDSS Updates – Morgan/Rick

- Sunset Planning:
 - Please help fires in your areas publish pending decisions prior to the 26th to ensure decisions aren't out for review during the transition.
 - On launch day Classic WFDSS Production will be view only. Users are not to use it for analysis or decisions, but they can sign in and look and download previous decisions/analysis.

- Classic Training will remain functioning as normal through April 12th. This will allow the S495 course to use the system as they need AND users can continue to make incidents in Classic Training that they want to use in NextGen EDU.
- Classic Prod will be shut off no later mid to late June, and possibly earlier if the archive work is complete sooner.
- Eventually we will also have decisions and analysis from Classic available for retrieval in NextGen, using the Reports tab.
- If you are aware of incidents that will need transitioned from Classic to NextGen and they want assistance doing this please fill out the RIST form so we can track and support the transition.

IRWIN Status –

- No updates

Spatial Fire Planning Updates – Wes/Amanda/Jonah/Susan

- Bug with shape users would like to add new language to, fix still in the works.
- How to guides are being developed
- Shape editing should open tomorrow 21st, or Monday the 24th

WFDSS Next Gen Update – Sam/Wes/Sarah/Rick

- GAEs please remember to set your GAE profile in EDU- the system was reset after the last call and we lost some of your profile setting. When Prod is available you will need to set your GAE profile in Prod, the two systems are not connected
- What to expect on at transition and after. GAEs will be added to Prod by RDA on or before the 26th, they can then get in and set their profile and help let other users in. The RDA will approve Editor for those that have federal emails, non feds and other roles we really need GAE approval bc you know your people
- On-Call Support- The RDA will provide 7 day coverage for NextGen Support similar to Classic. Several ways to get help
 - IIA Helpdesk- users can contact the Helpdesk who mostly provides support with accounts, they will pass any issues they can't resolve to Tier 2, which is the RDA
 - We have our phone number available like usual and rotate answering the phone to support incidents
 - Users/Incidents can request NextGen support with the RIST form. The RIST form is not intended to replace support the GAEs provide to their areas. The RDA is transitioning to using this form for the support we already provide so we can better track and manage work/codes/time etc. We will continue as always to encourage users to reach out to their GAEs first before requesting RDA support.
 - Office hours
 - The Help and How to Videos- these resources will improve and expand with time
- Reminder about the purpose of the different environments

- OAT= Operations Acceptance Testing. This is only for Product Owner testing. Do not approve access for users to this environment.
- UAT= User Acceptance Testing, we had been allowing users into UAT for learning/training bc EDU wasn't ready yet, but now that EDU is ready, Training efforts are preferred to be in EDU. UAT will then be used for its original intent which is testing with our Product Owners and identified testers. Do not approve users for UAT.
- EDU= Education....which translates to Training. EDU is the Training environment and as of yesterday is available for use. GAEs can grant access to EDU with the same lens you did for Classic Training.
- Prod= Production. Production is not ready yet. Please don't grant users access to Prod. If someone has a REAL fire and needs to use WFDSS they should be using WFDSS Classic until we make the switch at the end of March.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
- Eastern:
- Great Basin:
- N. ops/S. ops:
- Northern Rockies:
- Northwest:
- Rocky Mountain:
- Southwest:
- Southern:

Next Call:

- Thursday, April 17th, 1300, Mountain Time.

Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

- WFDSS Operations and Maintenance: TJ Boyer tederell.boyer@usda.gov , Rick Mowery rick.mowery@usda.gov, Morgan Pence morgan.pence@usda.gov, KC Shedden kenneth.shedden@usda.gov
- 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
- IFTDSS: Bre Schueller, Wendy Detwiler, and Kim Ernstrom, Brianna.schueller@usda.gov, wendy.detwiler@usda.gov, kim_ernstrom@nps.gov
- GAE call management: Tederell Boyer tederell.boyer@usda.gov – morgan.pence@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](#)