

## WFDSS GAE February 2025 Call Agenda

Call Number: [Microsoft Teams](#)

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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.

### Roll Call:

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<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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Travis Neppl, SA	<input type="checkbox"/> James Roberts, ON, OS, NW, GB	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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
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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
<b>BOR</b>	<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"/> Carol Ewell, ON, OS
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Foote, SA
		<input type="checkbox"/> Brett Williams, SA

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

**Attachments:** [AA WFDSS Refresher\(s\)](#), Backup WFDSS Incident Reporting Form

**Reminders/General Awareness: Morgan**

- In December, WFDSS Classic transitioned to a new login process. All users will need a FamAuth account. Information, steps, and a flow chart are available [here](#). This will be the same process used to access NextGen.
  - In the application list of the “Request application access and roles” section of the application request page for requesting access to WFDSS, “WFDSS-WFDSS Nextgen” are the same. WFDSS Nextgen. and WFDSS classic are using the very same application access list. This means being on that list for either of those applications gives you access to both of them.
  - When requesting Training environment for both WFDSS and WFDSS Nextgen, The instance is labeled EDU, short for education- that is the Training Environment.
- 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.
- Annual refresher webinar on WFDSS for agency administrators will be held on March 11, 2025 11:30-13:30 pm (Mountain Time). This session serves as a WFDSS refresher for agency administrator certification/qualification requirements. The announcement from the flyer is posted at the following webpage: [AA WFDSS Refresher\(s\)](#). Registration is required for this webinar. Please register using the following link: [Registration](#). The live session will be recorded and hosted off the [AA WFDSS Refresher\(s\)](#) webpage. If you are unable to attend the live event the recording will be posted here shortly after the live event for viewing.

- 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](#).
- Attached is the Backup WFDSS Incident Reporting Form, aka Paper WFDSS. This is also available from the WFDSS homepage. Circulating to make sure it is readily available. As a reminder this is only for use if WFDSS is unavailable, and the intent is that units would enter the form information into WFDSS when it is back online.

#### **New GAE Welcome –**

- New GAEs this last month: Jennifer Neppi NPS EA and SAs and Mike 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:
  - After NextGen launch, Classic WFDSS Production will remain available for a short period of time in a View Only capacity, hard cut off mid June, but if archives ready sooner will turn it off sooner. Eventually historic WFDSS Classic Production records (decisions and analysis) will be accessible for download in NextGen WFDSS. Incidents and data from WFDSS Classic Training will not be moved to NextGen WFDSS EDU.
  - Only Completed Fire Behavior analysis from Classic WFDSS will be available in NG for download, if you are an analyst and want to retain model runs that were NOT completed in Classic, download them now.
- We have a list of Incidents that have decisions out for review and are therefore locked from receiving updates from other systems via IRWIN. We will send out shortly to affected GAEs. It is not required that you take action, but if you are able and appropriate it will assist with ensuring more clean records. Contact Morgan if you have questions. >> Morgan sent email to impacted GAEs on 2/20 1335 pacific, if you didn't get it your area not impacted.

#### **IRWIN Status –**

- IRWIN v10 Integration testing was successful and is scheduled to be released in production on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

#### **Geospatial Data – Wes/Amanada/Jonah**

- Reminder, 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 occurred in

January. Going forward, 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 Demo- Production is live as of 2/20/25, all GAEs will be data managers in the Production data group. If you have issues please contact Wes.
  - <https://isfps-nifc.hub.arcgis.com/>
  - Others that might need access can request from the homepage. If you are a NIFC AGOL member you can view the data, but the editor will be those that are GAE or those that are approved. Because this is a live system that will read in WFDSS need to make sure only those that need edit have it, verified by NIFC AGOL member.
  - You can edit language and category. But no shape editing for a few more weeks. Training vs Prod- Training has a purple header. Please make sure you are in the system you intend.
  - We are working on Help and video tutorials to help users.

#### **WFDSS Next Gen Update – Sam/Wes/Sarah**

- Demo of Account Management- Sarah
  - You can turn off the notifications in FamAuth in your profile. But ultimately you will need those back on or a plan to go in and check regularly.
  - FamAuth is working on a feature to notify of role requests by GA but it is not ready yet. GAEs can start approving requests for users they know for EDU only (there is nothing in Prod it won't load). Do not approve for UAT unless you are aware of a specific reason they are part of testing team.
  - As a GAE please set your profile in EDU (and note your profile will not move to Prod, so you will also need to set this up in Prod when we are ready). Steps to do this:
    - Sign into EDU and Click the person image select View Profile
    - Select the tab "GAE" across the top of the screen
    - Select the Geo Area(s) and Agency that you represent and select ADD. You can add as many as you need to cover the area/agency you represent. This is a change from Classic which only let your profile reside in one GeoArea and agency at a time.
    - This is what will populate the GAE staff report that viewers can see.
- Overview of Transition-
  - A newsletter was sent to all Classic users that have used the system in the last 2 years (>5,000). If you didn't get it let us know.
  - Sarah is holding "office hours" weekly to support users, registration can be found in the Big News email all users got, posting the next two here as well

- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/fd718b88-c05a-4b89-97c5-f8e23b041852@ed5b36e7-01ee-4ebc-867e-e03cfa0d4697>
- March 5<sup>th</sup> <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/1761a1b3-c30c-491c-a081-a450760d2c13@ed5b36e7-01ee-4ebc-867e-e03cfa0d4697>
- We are partnering with RIST to transition incidents that need it from Classic to NextGen. If you have active incidents late March we will be coordinating. We will continue to use RIST to help incidents that need NextGen support.
- On the 26<sup>th</sup>- early morning Classic Prod will have a short outage and then turned back on as be 'read only'. Classic Training will remain with normal ops through the S495 week in April and then will be shut off.
- NextGen Prod will be live once Classic is Read only.
- There are several things that will not be available on day one in NextGen:
  - Legacy Data
  - Copying analysis
  - Flammap, MTT, Farsite
  - Incident History
  - System messages and user notification.
- 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 unless you have specific knowledge they are assisting with testing. Generally the RDA will manage access in UAT, not GAEs.
  - 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.

We did not have time for round robin, updates for areas can be put in the chat.

- Alaska:

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

#### **Next Call:**

- Thursday, March 20th, 1300, Mountain Time.

#### **Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:**

- WFDSS Operations and Maintenance: TJ Boyer [tederell.boyer@usda.gov](mailto:tederell.boyer@usda.gov) , Rick Mowery [rick.mowery@usda.gov](mailto:rick.mowery@usda.gov), Morgan Pence [morgan.pence@usda.gov](mailto:morgan.pence@usda.gov), KC Shedden [kenneth.shedden@usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.shedden@usda.gov)
- WFDSS Data: Amanda Rumsey [amanda\\_rumsey@NPS.gov](mailto:amanda_rumsey@NPS.gov)
- WFDSS Role Issues: Contact the On Call Coordinator: 208-387-5253
- IRWIN WFDSS liaison: Morgan Pence [morgan.pence@usda.gov](mailto:morgan.pence@usda.gov), Rick Mowery [rick.mowery@usda.gov](mailto: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](mailto:sam.amato@usda.gov), Wes Hall [Wesley.hall@usda.gov](mailto:Wesley.hall@usda.gov) , and Sarah Synowiec [sarah.synowiec@usda.gov](mailto:sarah.synowiec@usda.gov)
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- 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](#)