

WFDSS GAE January 2025 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.

Roll Call:

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

Attachments: [AA WFDSS Refresher\(s\)](#)

Emerging Issues/2024 Recap –

- All Call Participants

Reminders/General Awareness:

- WFDSS has transitioned to a new login process. All users will need a FamAuth account. Information, steps, and a flow chart are available [here](#).
 - 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.
- 2024 GAE Quarterly and monthly notes and recordings have been archived and can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.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 and other fire management topics 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.
- Need the WFDSS Refresher for certification and can't wait until the March 11th, 2025 event? You can view [last year's recording](#) and access the [Learning Portal's 2024 course](#) for a certificate. If possible please attend/view the 2025 webinar, it will cover the New NextGen WFDSS application and specifically changes that impact AAs
- 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 –

- No new GAEs this last month. Mike Butteri (AK) and Peter Butteri (AK) retirement was announced last call. Please communicate GAE changes with Rick Mowery, Morgan Pence, and TJ Boyer to ensure you get the proper user roles, invites to the calls, and contact info to the IIA Helpdesk.

RDA Staffing –

- The RDA is working through the selection process to backfill the Vice Program Manager detail position.
- The NPS WFM RDA Project Manager (Product Owner) GS-301-13 position is currently advancing through the hiring process.

Classic WFDSS Updates –

- WFDSS homepage has been updated. Will update again after Nextgen WFDSS release to transition users to Nextgen WFDSS.
- Continuing getting things ready for sunset and preparing to archive our data and pass off to Nextgen WFDSS.
 - After NextGen launch, Classic WFDSS Production will remain available for a short period of time in a View Only capacity. 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.
- The planned outage of WFDSS (and all other applications hosted at EROS Data Center) was postponed. This outage is due to electrical equipment maintenance at EROS. We will have a warning message posted in the application when a date is rescheduled.

IRWIN Status –

- IRWIN v10 Integration testing event scheduled for Jan 27th – 30th. IRWIN v10 is scheduled to be released in production on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.
- IRWIN V10 is adding a type specifically for incidents that start in another country and cross the borders into the United States. For the new type, the incidents will be given (by dispatch) a unit ID corresponding to the Protection Agency where the incident crossed the border.

Geospatial Data –

- 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 early this month.
- 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.
- Limited critical dataset updates will occur in WFDSS Classic up until the launch of NextGen.
- Layers currently in work for updates include New Jurisdictional Agency Boundary Layer and Calendar year change over for WFDSS wildfires.
 - Brian Sorbel- When do you estimate that the Spatial Fire Planning services production environment will be available?
 - Susan McClendon- Working on getting it released ASAP. Sometime in February.
 - Eamon Engber- The data that was pulled over out of Classic on the 6th, when is that going to be available in UAT?
 - Susan McClendon- Working on that right now and available as soon as possible. As you recall, last month we had a little bit of a snag with some shape corruption in the management requirements. We've recovered almost all of those, and so that was the delay and we're trying to get it wrapped up in this week or next week.

WFDSS Next Gen Update –

- Overview of Transition
- First release and beyond
- Legacy Data
 - From Nextgen status ppt.-

WFDSS Nextgen Status upcoming dates:

January

- IRWIN Testing
- Training Environment (EDU) /Help Page Available
- NextGen Newsletters, Communication, and Office Hours start

- Demos and Trainings continuing (on request)

February

- WFDSS Record Clean Up
- SFP Production Available (Prior to the 19th)
- Units SFP prep for fire season

March

- Ramp up and moving over of incidents will begin Early March weeks
- AA Workshop March 11th (Can use last year prior to March 11) See RDA site
- 26th Production Launch for NextGen and Classic made read only
- Transition Support Centers will begin
 - Ian Rickert- Whats the estimated delivery for FLAMMAP and other fire behavior models?
 - Sam Amato- Kinda depends on what our development team looks like after production launch. Right now, we're fully funded on DME and it depends how we need to reconfigure to do some of the other release work, but we're going to try and get it in before Western fire season. It really just depends how the launch of FS Pro goes and how much time it takes to fix any bugs that pop up. We may be able to start on that stuff sooner than later. The copying and deleting is ahead of near term, flammmap, and MTT right now so you can do runs in a more expedient manner if we need to revisit that priority, we can.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
 - Darren Finley- Thanks for sharing some of the WFDSS process and Nextgen. Will share with others in AK.
 - Brian Sorbel- Nathan Forayne came on as the new AICC Fire Analyst.
- Eastern:
 - Matt Malesic- Lot of the GA is under snow.
- Great Basin:
 - Tonja Opperman- Making sure Fire planners are getting comfortable with WFDSS Nextgen UAT. Will work through any issues that come up with Spatial Fire Planning. Thanks Wes and Sam for the latest Nextgen update.

- Dylan Rader- Working with BLM Fire planners getting them introduced to Spatial Fire Planning Services. Still waiting on MR shapes from Jan 6 pull. Reach out to Wes to setup a BLM Nevada presentation for Nextgen that will occur first week of April.
- N. ops/S. ops:
 - Kevin Osborne- No WFDSS activity for North ops, but S. ops does have some. One of the large LA fires is unified command with the Angeles and they have done some modeling support down there and decision activity there. No training planned.
 - Eamon Engber- Some of the So Cal fires did impact some NPS lands, but no analysis or decisions. Conditions remain dry down there. Little bit of onshore flow returning this weekend, but potential for offshore flow again. Potential Santa Ana winds next week. Coordinating with NPS GIS with looking at the quality of data that's coming up from Classic and manipulating and adding new data.
 - Dan O Connor- S. Ops has a Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory in effect. Its unusual we haven't seen winter rains by now.
- Northern Rockies:
 - Erin Noonan- For NR FS, there are a handful of WFDSS NG trainings that are occurring at a forest scale. We are still getting organized for WFDSS NG training for this spring.
- Northwest:
 - Ian Rickert- Scheduling out trainings with the forest for April and early May.
- Rocky Mountain:
 - Amy Russell- Lacking adequate snow cover in a lot of areas. Doing a little bit of Rx. Some pile burning and hoping for more snow and rain. No WFDSS training scheduled yet.
 - Rebecca Hird- Planning for training. No dates set yet. Looking forward to Nextgen and Spatial Fire planning presentation being presented at the BLM Fire planning Committee meeting at the end of Jan.
 - Tate Fischer- No issues from FWS in RM.
- Southwest:
 - Abie Carabaja- We do have an incident here in the region that had an IMT assign, the Horn fire started the week before Christmas and has transitioned back to the local unit, but definitely is indicative of the current conditions and the lack of moisture here in the South. AA webinar flyer has been shared. No trainings scheduled yet. We are planning to develop some training specific to our analyst, especially with the limited models that will be initially available in next Gen. We did, however, provide some early initial trainings with the help of the next Gen. team for both our AAs and WFDSS drivers this past November and December. We're planning to do some additional training specific to those two groups as well as some use of our Spatial Fire Planning language.
 - Rance Marquez- Similar conditions and figure out some nextgen trainings.
- Southern:

- David Quisenberry-Not a ton of activity. Mostly snow. We've got quite a few areas in the Southern app that have been snow covered all winter, which is pretty unusual. Everything feels pretty muted and that's on top of all of our hurricane damage, which will be worrying about in the years to come. But for right now, lot of moisture, even some snow coming in parts of the south mid next week. I think we're ready for the transition which would be around peak fire season in the South.

Next Call:

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

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- WFDSS Role Issues: Contact the On Call Coordinator: 208-387-5253
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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](#)