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## Wildland Fire Management RD&A

### GA LEAD WEBINAR – February 24, 2011

**Attendees** – Lisa Elenz, Marlena Hovorka, Diane Rau, Rob Seli, Tom Zimmerman, Kim Ernststrom, Ben Butler, Clint Cross, Dan Mindar, Larry Hood, Linda Kerr, Lindsey Lien, Lori Clark, Erin Law, Mark Hale, Mark Pater, Morgan Pence, Nancy Lee Wilson, Paul Langowski, Phil Bowden, Reeve Armstrong, Rich Sterry, Rick Stratton, Thomas Dzomba, Christie Neill, Gwenan Poirier, Miriam Rorig, John Barborinas, Brenda Wilmore, Dorothy Albright, Lindsey Lean, Amanda McAdams, Tonja Opperman, Jon Wallace, Jan Passek, Mitch Burgard, Janis Hancock, Sim Larkin, Kevin Knauth, Gladys Crabtree

### Action Items from GA Editor AAR – Lisa

- Review of GA Editor Action Items – document can be found at:

[http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=688&PageID=3491&mode=2&in\\_hi\\_userid=1025&cached=true](http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=688&PageID=3491&mode=2&in_hi_userid=1025&cached=true)

### Air Quality Tools – Sim Larkin

- Portal developed last year. In 2011, current operating plan has four points:
  - smoke information fully operational 24/7,
  - Development of new help resources and training materials,
  - development of a new simple text based smoke forecast guidance report product and
  - begin development of more integrated smoke modeling system.
- 2011 WFDSS smoke report is easily understandable.
- If anyone has comments, get them to Tami Parkinson, Lisa or Marlena and they will be sure to forward them to Sim.
- If there is interest in more training for using the smoke products please let us know.

### Training –Marlena

- Webinars will be scheduled soon for the 3.14 release.
- Additional training videos are available on the homepage.

### Geospatial / Data Management Update – Ben

- The proposed 2011 data refresh schedule outlines the plan for data uploads and can be found at:  
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- The FMU update schedule:  
[http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=688&PageID=3641&mode=2&in\\_hi\\_userid=2&cached=true](http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=688&PageID=3641&mode=2&in_hi_userid=2&cached=true)
  - We have 38-40 new FMU updates and will do an unplanned update next week to get those in and should be complete by the 7<sup>th</sup> of March so folks can start practicing with unit shapes if they'd like. Will be making another update at the end of the March.
- Unit shapes - propose a separate data manager webinar in the next month to discuss unit shapes, FMU "All" options, data layers available, etc. Webinar tentatively planned for end of April – stay tuned.

### WFDSS Updates –Rob

- Contract Status - Current contract extended to June 30 to get a new contract out on the street and awarded by then. We've gotten about 2/3 of the money we normally get so we are laying off about 40% of IBM workforce so more maintenance driven than new development. Maintenance typically takes up about 50% of money. Most of new development money will be gone so stricter priorities in the future.
- 3.14 Release planned for 4<sup>th</sup> week of March with the following updates:
  - Incident Information Page Updates



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Numerous updates have been made to the Incident Information page to align with the Agencies' Fire Reporting Systems and NWCG terminology and data standards.

- Incident Size field - Final Fire Perimeter / Incident size fields (box) is replaced with Incident Size (acres). When you upload a perimeter it will update the acres using the most recent perimeter or you can manually update the acres, and if you delete the most recent perimeter it will not delete the acres in the incident size field.
  - Added Jurisdictional Agency Unit at Point of Origin – prepopulated field based on existing Surface Management Agency or the provided (i.e. Alaska) spatial layer. If the spatial layer does not contain data for the point of origin selected it will prepopulate with not available. When agencies protect lands owned by Bureau of Reclamation or other units without an agency/unit identifier, get some of those examples to Rob.
  - Responsible Agency (s) box is renamed to Jurisdictional Agency(s).
  - Responsible Unit Name at Point of Origin field - If a protection responsible unit spatial layer (ex. California Direct Protection Area) is available this field will be prepopulated from the layer or entered manually if a layer does not exist.
  - Unique Fire Identifier – the unit id field under unique fire identifier will be prepopulated from the SMA layer but editable if SMA layer is not correct.
- RAVAR request button has been removed from left hand menu. RAVAR Analysis can be completed for an incident by RAVAR Analyst or Super Analyst and results uploaded from the Analyses tab.
  - Address book works much better and creating/updating groups will work much more efficiently.
  - A lot of changes in Decision and decision editor.
    - Copy button will be new. You can copy most recent decision and update all the required content to current status and then you can edit editable parts.
    - When you open the decision page, the parts of the decision display—don't have to open it to view/edit its parts.
  - Organizational needs assessment (ONA) - works a lot like relative risk. Relative risk is required for a decision and before the ONA can be done. The ONA is optional.
  - Relative Risk – can partially save assessment inputs. Once complete (Save) no modifications can be made.
  - KML (Google Earth) - download option has been enhanced and renamed to KMZ - Incident level KMZ includes the planning area, perimeters, MAPs, objective shapes, points of interest, completed analysis, etc. Shapes are embedded in the KMZ which allows you to display KMZ in 2D/3D in Google Earth and links to individual shape information will display. There are two KMZs available: 1) published decision version is available for any WFDSS user and 2) pending decision version available for incident owners only which could be used for briefing and other purposes.
  - You can also edit incident privileges in the address book now.

### Action Items

- We would like feedback if you think going through the Action Item list is working, etc. Or if we need to move through more quickly etc.
- **Next Call - March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1300.** (Third Thursday of the months. Keep webinars on the same schedule.)