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GA LEAD WEBINAR – August 18, 2011 – 1300 MDT

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Agenda Items

Roll Call - Marlana Hovorka, Lisa Elenz, Rob Seli, Kim Ernststrom, Tami Parkinson, Doug Havlina, Brenda Wilmore, Gwenan Poirier, James Newman, Kevin Knauth, Linda Kerr, Kim Kelly, Larry Hood, Mark Pater, Ryan Whitaker, Shari Miller, Clint Cross, Mark Hale, Brett Fay, Louisa Evers, Rick Stratton, Marva Willey, Mesia Nyman, Michael Boomer, Paul Langowski, Morgan Pence

Action Items from GA Editor AAR – Lisa / All

- AAR Action Items List –
 - Item 3 – Role of IMT in WFDSS – Harold
 - Harold was not on the call, Lisa will follow up to obtain information for the next call. Linda says things are in draft form currently.
 - Item 12 – Webinar for dispatchers – Marlana
 - Will be developed for the fall, didn't want to repeat some of the training that was already available. Shari Miller – Will you walk folks through an import from WildCad? Marlana – doesn't have access to WildCad, so it could be difficult to do on a webinar.
 - Please send Marlana ideas for training for the fall so things can be developed over the winter
 - Item 17 – Roles and Privileges hover text and help mapping – Marlana
 - Ongoing project to continue to develop hover text, improving landing pages when clicking on different links in HELP in WFDSS. This can be considered complete for now, but send in more items if you have them
 - Item 18 – Legend for analysis – Rob
 - Being Improved, new release will fix some of this, more improvement to come
 - Item 19 – Hot button on Course of Action tab for Relative Risk – Rob
 - Rob - Relative Risk on Left Hand menu is always available, Marlana: when you have a pending decision the list of required actions is at the top as a reminder. Lisa: will check with GA Editors this fall to see if this is still an issue. Kevin Knauth still thinks it would be better to have a reminder to do Relative Risk earlier in the decision process. Rob says an old question that came up 3 years ago was should every fire have a relative risk? – Maybe linked to situation page ? – Maybe user wouldn't be able to use any of the other functions until you do a relative risk? GA Editor comments to this: would increase workload for field significantly, would get push back from dispatchers and field to have to do relative risk on every fire, most fires only have basic information entered and don't need Relative Risk. What is the real threshold on when a RR should be done? These are questions we should continue discussing in the fall meeting...



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- Item 21 – Addressing the inability to rename MAPs after they are created and before the decision is published – Rob
 - Wasn't fixed and can't be fixed easily because of link to MAP and polygon on the map. Can only amend can't change name of MAP
- Item 22 – Multiple approvers – review the process. – Rob
 - Are folks still having trouble with multiple approvers? Rob: some fires seem to have more approvers than they really need – Forest Supervisor and District ranger sometimes. Interagency fires still clunky with multiple approvers and it would be nice to specify the order of approvers. Whoever would be doing the periodic assessment would be the last approver... still need to look into this.
- Added Items – Line Officer's Text Box – Rob
 - A notes box in addition to Rationale when a line officer approves decision. Lisa: not decision content, but an example would be a note on who is going to do the periodic assessment... Rob says there is no way to limit line officers from adding Decision content in this notes box...it really belongs in the Rationale. Kevin: it would be handy to note some comments about who the approver will be. Rob: no way to limit what goes in this proposed notes box. Paul: Allow the approver at the time of Decision to add some information to the Rationale which would keep the content in the Rationale and prevent the approver from having to reject the decision and go all the way through the process again – this would work well for one approver, more difficult for multiple approvers... Will be a fall item discussion.

WFDSS Updates –Rob

- WFDSS Contract
 - In Limbo, two weeks on the current contract left, CO reviewing contract now...stay tuned
- 3.15 Release
 - Out this morning on training, mostly bug fixes, going well so far, hope to have in production tomorrow morning (8/19).
 - PDF for published decisions
 - Legends in the map captures, not perfect, not in analysis maps yet, but still working on to improve in the future
 - Changes in which roles/privileges can upload shapes, used to be dependent on which map you were on, will be role dependent and not map dependent
 - Bug on shapes when you create, save and name – bug doesn't let you save it. Related to ARC SDE, but somewhat random. Marlina and Rob can fix it, don't have to go to IBM, this is a temporary solution, will be looking into fixing completely in next release. Bug still there, but have a work around for now – call Marlina/Rob if you have problems
- GA Editor Role
 - Rob: lots of requests to be GA Editors, IT security issue – non-fed users can be approved by GA Editors – this could be very scary to the security gurus, keeping number of GA's down to 40-50 rather than 100 – 200 in the preference. How much



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privacy should a user expect when things are pending? More GA Editors = more “outsiders” can view pending projects. Legally, projects should stay private until owner says it is complete. How many “helpers” do we really need? Maybe there is some way this can be separated out in the future?? Paul: ops/safety folks need to engage with units on content of the decisions, maybe a Geographic Area Viewer? Can view the content of a decision in progress, but not be an editor or make changes..(ie. snooper role). Rob: Need to decide if we really want this. Owners of incidents have the ability to add/invite folks, maybe this is enough.. continue discussion at fall meeting

- Fire Behavior Request Texts
 - WFM RDA staff is getting texts/emails currently when fire behavior requests are made in WFDSS which is how we know of requests before GA Editors know. Do GA Editors want to get texts/email when fire behavior requests come in? – Would get fire behavior requests texts for all fires nationally. Won’t be able to filter just your Geographic Area. On average when it is busy, there may be 8- 10 texts/emails a week. Slower times maybe just one or two/week. If you want to get these texts messages send Lisa an email letting her know by August 31st.

WFDSS Help – Marlana

- Website Revisions
 - Currently improving the HELP that is already there – improving landing pages, adding new content as needed. Will be using the HELP content to develop training content, will make it easier to keep everything updated and current. Reorganized some things on the website: Related Resource page was becoming too long - trying to pull out the HELP/Training stuff and reorganize. Spitting off to the training page– videos, quick tips, ELearning materials.
 - Some hyperlinks to other websites to download videos, link to training calendar now on the WFM RDA website (www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov). GA Editor info on FRAMES is being moved to the WFM RDA site and we’ll be eliminating the GA Editor FRAMES page in the near future. Only Two sites now: either WFDSS or WFM RDA and things will be linked.
- Content Updates

Geospatial Data – Lisa

- FMUs will be updated the end of the month

GA Editor Feedback - All

- Your opportunity to share information
 - Larry: for Rob - role requests – Can they be dated so if another GA Editor comes in they can see if it is old request? If the table of role requests had the date in the filter, than it would be easier to ignore the old requests and go straight to the most recent
 - Brett – will images be included in the PDF? – YES – looks nice so far



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- Kevin – Some good feedback about the HELP Desk (FAM) this week from some fires that the BLM had in Idaho
- HELP Desk needs to update their call list – Dorothy Albright got a call last week

Fall AAR / Conf Call Series - Lisa

- Dates identified by doodle poll. (multiple conf calls to cover the meeting)
 - Week of Nov. 14th – 18th Tues, Wed, Thurs so far the best on the Doodle Poll. There is the Interior West Fire Ecology conference in Snowbird UT that same week.
- Agenda – is anyone interested in helping?
 - Agenda items to date:
 - Framework for protocols on multi-jurisdictional fires, how to get all agency administrators involved - example Gila Cliff Dwellings and Miller Fire, AA was at the table but his name was not on the Approved Decision
 - Security training for non-federal folks
 - Issues within the software (buttons that gave trouble etc).
 - **PLEASE SEND IN AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE FALL MEETING TO LISA**

Action Items/ Follow Up

- Values SOP's (posted to web)
 - Have been posted under related resources
- Next Call (September 15)
- Please update your contact information in WFDSS. Much of the information is dated.
 - Add your Cell phone number if you can – hard to find folks especially on the weekends