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## Wildland Fire Management RD&A

### GA LEAD WEBINAR – April 21, 2011 – 1300 MDT

**Roll Call** – Paul Langowski, Linda Kerr, John Barborinas, Marsha Henderson, Doug Havlina, Phil Bowden, Michael Boomer, Gwenan Poirier, Amanda McAdams, Louisa Evers, Ryan Whiteaker, Larry Hood, Jan Passek, Reeve Armstron, Dan Warthin, Lori Clark, Paul Langowski, Russ Babiak, Dorothy Albright, Christie Neill, Harold Riggs, Stu Hoyt, Cathy Stewart, Janis Hancock, Ken Schmid, Sam Amato, Gladys Crabtree, Ben Butler, Lisa Elenz, Rob Seli, Kim Ernststrom

Links referenced on webinar:

- NFDSC: <http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/nfdsc.php>
- Call-When-Need (CWN) Fire Behavior/Decision Support Spec Form/Survey:  
<https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/firenet.gov/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dFhmaENNMDVHNFdFWnoyZlYtdWE3OUE6MQ#gid=0>
- WFDSS: [http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS\\_Home.shtml](http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS_Home.shtml)
- WFDSS Training: [http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS\\_Training.shtml](http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS_Training.shtml)
- WFDSS AAR items:  
[http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt/community/wfdss/688/ga\\_editor\\_resources/3491](http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt/community/wfdss/688/ga_editor_resources/3491)
- GA Editor Documents & Calendar (FRAMES):  
[http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt/community/wfdss/688/ga\\_editor\\_resources/3491](http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt/community/wfdss/688/ga_editor_resources/3491)
- WFDSS Data Downloads (FRAMES):  
[http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt/community/wfdss/688/wfdss\\_data\\_and\\_ga\\_editors/3163](http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt/community/wfdss/688/wfdss_data_and_ga_editors/3163)
- NFDSC SOPs – posted on web page. Would like input and it is a dynamic document.  
<http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/nfdsc.php>

### Action Items from GA Editor AAR – Lisa

- GA Editor Action Items document - see FRAMES for updates on the following items:  
[http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt/community/wfdss/688/ga\\_editor\\_resources/3491](http://frames.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt/community/wfdss/688/ga_editor_resources/3491)

The following action items were discussed. Notes can be found in the GA Editor Action Item document at the website listed above. Item 1 – When a Decision is Required

- Item 2 – Role of GA Coordinating Group in WFDSS
- Item 3 – Role of IMT in WFDSS
- Item 6 – Example Decision Documents
- Item 9 – Role of GA Editors/Agency Experts
- Item 13 – Fire Behavior Specialist Requirements
- Item 26 – NFDSC SOPs
- Item 30 – Decision Document Examples / Decision Support Personnel List

White papers are still being worked on. Tom Zimmerman will present the white papers at the May NWCG meeting. Draft white papers will be sent out to be reviewed early next week. Please review and send comments by the end of next week in order to get final white papers to Tom by early May.

**Action:** Need everyone to review AAR Action list (link above). If we are not addressing an item or something needs to be moved up in conversation please let Lisa know.



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### WFDSS Updates –Rob / Gladys

- Texas - testing NTFB and finding some bugs which are fixed and will be updated in WFDSS shortly.
- Contract – contract extension through July 2011. Currently funded at O&M level. Current priorities are to fix bugs, user support, and load data.
- Release 3.14 – no estimated date
  - Outage on Friday from 8:00 to 10:00 – during the day vs. at night for cost saving reasons.
  - Working on what to do after July extension date.
- Map Layer – Rob and Gladys did a demo of the updated layer switcher tree in 3.14 release.

### Training

- Data Manager Webinars  
Please review the Data Manager PowerPoint posted on WFDSS Training page and provide feedback:  
[http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS\\_Training.shtml](http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS_Training.shtml)
- Spring Training Document (2 others to come – fire behavior / decision content)
  - ◇ WFDSS training - Refresher document posted and help/suggestions posted (link?)
  - ◇ Examples of Decision Documents – A few more edits and approval from GAE's to use their fires as examples and it should be posted by early May. Kim Ernstrom is the point of contact for this document.
  - ◇ Fire Behavior Specialist Training Document – Should be posted by early May. Provide feedback to Dan Mindar.
- Please let us know your spring training schedule so we can avoid conflicts with the next release.

### GA Editor Feedback - All

- Amanda – supported Clint and would recommend everyone take the opportunity, used NTFB runs a lot, helped a lot.
- Sheri Miller – presentation for the 3.14 release (Marlena) – when the new release is released ( R1) - like to use the decision documentation, vote for getting 3.14 out & new layers delay
- Louisa – what does Clint need? Lisa: GA Editor type last week, plus analyst,
- Harold – survey Sam sent out is there a closing date? There is not a closing. Sam will pull names on May 15<sup>th</sup> and send to the GA Editors.
  - Action: Sam to resend link to survey to GA Editors after call:
    - <https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/firenet.gov/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dFhmaENNMDVHNFdFWnoyZlYtdWE3OUe6MQ#gid=0>
- Action: Gladys/Ben to update the geospatial refresh plan on FRAMES.
- WFDSS/RAVAR – using the same data layers

### Action Items

- Next Call – May 19, 2011 – 1300