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Wildland Fire Management RD&A

GA EDITOR WEBINAR – May 24, 2012 – 1300 MDT

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Agenda Items

Roll Call – Tami Parkinson, Diane Rau, James Newman, Janet Passek, Jason Loomis, Ken Schmid, Lisa Elenz, Mark Grupe, Mesia Nyman, Morgan Pence, Russ Babiak, Shari Miller, Robert LaPlant, Rob Seli, Kim Ernstrom, Greg Peterson, Harold Riggs, Larry Hood, Dan Mindar, Linda Kerr, Ben Butler, Janis Hancock, Marva Willey, Reeve Armstrong, Brett Fay, Brenda Wilmore, Kevin Knauth, Marsha Henderson, Matt Johnson, Laurie Kurth.

Action Items from GA Editor AAR

- AAR Action Items List –
- ONA - Lisa – NWCG tasked out the ONA to the OWDC, there is a memo out, if GA editors have feedback on the ONA or complexity analysis please work with Lisa.
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WFDSS Updates

- ONA, weather, herbaceous moisture, decision editor (Rob) – forecasted weather has been changed, ONA has been updated based on feedback from this winter, new calculation for moisture defaults using growing season index, new decision editor (should eliminate corrupt decisions like last year), New KMZ's available for downloading including fire behavior characteristics, fire of national significance tab/button will be used for FS fires these fires will be pushed to the dashboard. (who pushes the button – national editors)
- Next release – May 31

WFDSS Training & Help

- Website training materials (Diane) – WFDSS home site/training – you will see 14 WFDSS 101 trainings, for new users and to be used as a review for current users, guides users through decision creation, Help has been updated accordingly. Can be used as a suite of tools for training, not incident specific training can be used for any incident.
- WFDSS Support Videos (Diane) New videos posted on You Tube, landscape creation, critique, weather stream etc... goto YouTube and search on WFDSS.
- Obtaining WFDSS help, GA protocols, posting place (Laurie, Kim) – GA's send regional specific protocol to Laurie, have received PNW and CA. Would like to see those so we (Decision Support Coordinators) can follow the GA's protocols.



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- How to get the protocol to the field – Larry Hood - they are in the CA mobe guide: look for a local analyst, go to GA level to look at the GACC level, then to the National Level for Decision Support.
 - Is this working? This GACC has been a heavy user, so they are aware of who to call and how to obtain assistance.
- Jan Passek – Protocols coming, all requests go to one strategic planner (a person and position, the main contact for everyone, there is backup personnel to support as needed), at the GACC level they work with local, Regional, then National.
 - If a request comes to the National Decision Support Center funnel that information back to the Strategic Planner for AK.
 - Posted on GACC website
- Harold – it is primarily word of mouth, will try to have it in the Mobe guide next year, similar to CA – Local, GA level and National level. Agencies call Harold to work the coordination (central contact for all agencies).
 - Users instantly call the number on the WFDSS page, as they are looking for support, but if this occurs if the DSC and GA editors are on the same page with the protocols this can be worked through.
- Please send protocols to Laurie Kurth

Geospatial Data

FMU Updates into WFDSS - status (was to be May 4) (Ben)

- FMU data set was updated, confirmation email will come out tomorrow that the data was enabled and downloads are available.
 - The next FMU Update is scheduled for the 1st week of August
- Cadastral/building cluster data was updated, fire weather zones, sage grouse habitat,
 - Naming conventions for the sage grouse have been modified slightly to ensure that they fit cleanly within the layer switcher (e.g. “Preliminary Priority Sage Grouse Habitat” has been shortened to “Sage Grouse Priority Habitat”)
- Working to update additional data this week.

Unit ID (Ben) –

- Recently Unit IDs have been disabled/deactivated from NWCG unit ID table. This table is used to validate an internal “Active Unit ID Table” within WFDSS. A validation script is run nightly and IDs that are disabled in the NWCG table are also disabled in WFDSS.
- The large issues arise when the Unit IDs are disabled inadvertently or without the local unit knowing it has been done.



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- This has several implications
 - Once a Unit ID has been deactivated users can no longer use that ID to enter a fire in WFDSS
 - If there are FMU shapes and/or objectives/Requirements tied to the Unit ID in question these can be negatively affected and potentially removed.
 - The jurisdictional agency layer contains Unit IDs for each land base that is represented by an active NWCG Unit ID. If an ID is deactivated there are implications to this data set.
 - The Responsible agency layer also contains unit IDs and therefore can also be negatively affected.
- The WFDSS Development team and the data management staff are tracking this very close and have been able to work with local units where IDs have been deactivated inadvertently to ensure long term problems are eliminated and worked through
- If the WFDSS Development team knows about the deactivated IDs before the changes hit the NWCG table the changes can be handled in the proper fashion to ensure data integrity.
- If units are changing Unit IDs please let the WFDSS development team and or Ben Butler know so that we can work with you.

Linda Kerr - Draft white paper coming out with issues and consequences – this goes broader than WFDSS.

- WFM RD&A data manager (vice Gladys) position is announced and closes today. Hoping to have rapid progress on the position.

Miscellaneous

- WFM RD&A SOPs, Letter of Expectation (Tonja, Kim) – Please provide comments (if you have them) ASAP, Comments were to be submitted to Tonja – no specific date set but if you have feedback regarding changes submit that to Tonja/Kim and they will respond accordingly.
- Tim Sexton enters on duty as WFM RD&A program manager on June 4.
- Detailer program – Announcement sent out for opportunities to detail with the Decision Support Group, they would have opportunities to work on analyses, decision support, participate in conference calls and daily interworking's of the group – have received approximately 80 interested folks to date.
 - When working with our group as a GA editor, there may be some interaction with the detailer, just a heads up.

We need to make sure to help folks include the decision support tools to support decisions.



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GA Editor Feedback - All

- Your opportunity to share information
 - Alaska – nothing to report, waiting for fire season to start
 - Northwest – Nothing to report
 - Northern California – Nothing to report - quiet
 - Southern California - Nothing to report - quiet
 - Western Great Basin -
 - Eastern Great Basin – Nothing to report
 - Northern Rockies – first decision published a week ago, working on training within the region, appreciate the training materials developed.
 - Rocky Mountain – Nothing to report
 - Southwest – fires are working with Harold, Complexing fires (Baldy/Whitewater)etc, Gladiator – done, Sunflower – a good long term at this point, preparedness level 3- there are fires but they are holding their own at this point, Harold out of pocket for a few days – Linda Kerr is back up.
 - Eastern - Nothing new to report – WFDSS 101 has been helpful to the field folks
 - Southern – Nothing to report

Action Items/ Follow Up

- Next Call – GA Editor AAR / Meeting – June 21, 2012, 1300 MDT

Contact Lisa if you are willing to help with the ONA
Expectations letter provide feedback as necessary.