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Wildland Fire Management RD&A

GA Editor WEBINAR – June 21, 2012 – 1300 MDT

Notes:

Roll Call –

Ben Butler, Caroline Noble, Dan Mindar, Gwenan Poirier, Lindsey Lien, Phil Bowden, Janis Hancock, Ken Schmid, Paul Langowski, Reeve Armstrong, Russ Babiak, Tonja Opperman, Laurie Kurth, Rick Stratton, Shari Miller, Lisa Elenz, Jason Loomis, Nancy Lee Wilson, Larry Hood, Robert LaPlant, Jan Passek, Linda Kerr, Marsha Henderson, Tami Parkinson, Mitch Burgard, Mark Pater, Rick Stratton, Michael Boomer

Action Items from Previous Calls or the GAE AAR Meeting

- ONA – Lisa
 - NWCG tasked to OWDC who asked for an extension until the first of the year. The tasking will include fire complexity analysis, additional feedback from past FLA's, and the ONA.
 - If folks would like to participate or assist Lisa, either GA editors or folks from the field let her know.
- Bug kill layer in WFDSS – Lisa / Rob
 - If there is a National standard or Data layer available we could pull that information in, if the data is received on a Region by Region or unit by unit basis that would require a heavy workload, we wouldn't be able to stitch this data together for a national layer.
 - BIA will never have a national layer, they struggle with data it is needed but isn't available.
 - PNW – Stitching together their local data layers has been very time consuming and most likely a national data layer wouldn't be doable although the concept is a good one.
 - R2 has "stitched" together a lot of layers and then classified them through a rating process which was a very time consuming process at the local level, going national would be very difficult at this time.
 - How to incorporate this data into the incidents: Potentially include it as a mask and put the information in on a fire by fire case by case scenario

WFDSS Updates –Lisa

- Latest release issues
 - Haven't found a lot of bugs at this time, if you have issues uploading shape files call one of the hot lines and we can assist in fixing the issue.
 - The preparedness level is not matching the actual preparedness level, already turned into Hans.
 - Smoke dispersion forecast only pulling in forecast from 2 weeks prior; will follow up with other fires to see how big an issue it is and will turn it in if it's a bigger issue.



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- Perimeters, latest perimeters are not updating their acreage... we are currently watching that at this time to see what might be the issue.
 - Ben – seems to happen most frequently when folks upload a large polygon in addition to another perimeter product (hotspots) the second perimeter seems to trigger some type of loop with the actual perimeter. Hans and company are working on this.
- Spatial Fire Management Planning
 - Trying to move forward with spatially representing polygons, including management requirements and strategic objectives
 - Data from Production to Training
 - Potentially looking at copying Production information to the Training platform to help out with the time issue of uploading the information into both platforms

WFDSS Training & Help – Marlana

- WFDSS Training Material & Support videos
 - All of the WFDSS 101 training and WFDSS training videos posted to YouTube are completed. If you are looking for the videos, go to YouTube and search on WFDSS.
- WFM RD&A Website Update – orientation
 - It is a better platform for users to find appropriate information
 - Links hosted on the website to go to other areas within the website in addition to outside references.
 - For the WFDSS GA editors there is a direct link for notes (notes prior to the last 3 months go to the archive)
 - We are looking for feedback – please help us make it better, what information is missing, what do you want to see, are there glitches you see, how do you use the website? Is it user friendly for folks etc.
 - Line Officer's Reference Guide – Tami
 - Worked with the Forest Service National LOT team to develop a Line Officer Desk Reference Guide, no new direction or information within the document, it is just a reference document to help people find the information they are looking for or need. The guide is posted to the WFM RD&A website. There is some interest in this being an interagency guide but we are waiting to hear back if DOI has some staff that can assist with an update this winter. Please use it and provide feedback.

Geospatial Data – Ben

- Unit IDs – putting together a paper describing how unit ID's are used within WFDSS, and another paper on potential problems when unit IDs are changed, deleted etc. This information will be out at the latest by the next call.
- Updated Data Layers national scenic trails layer, national park service buildings, oil and gas BLM data
- Colorado Building Cluster Data efforts



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- High park fire needed to upload the building cluster data, expedited the process to get the data uploaded since it was needed in a timely manner.
- What is our ability to do building cluster loads like we did for High Park? There could be time constraints, contractual issues etc. therefore it might not always be an option to get the uploads completed in a timely manner
 - Data moved from RMRS in MSO to the cadastral subcommittee
- Historical Fire Perimeter – working on compiling this data layer, reviewing it in training, there will be an update to fire history layers soon, this will include a new group within the layer tree called “disturbance history”.
 - Working to sort out the submitted 2011 fires and the 2011 fires created within wfdss,
 - WFDSS will always keep the prior year’s fire polygons as its own layer, this data layer can be a tough one to manage due to duplication of fires.
 - Recommended for users to put their fire perimeters in to WFDSS so the correct fire data is contained within the system.
 - Question: Could this then become the system of record?
 - There is no Intention to make this the system of record for fire history, but the system as the potential to do so until another authoritative source is sanctioned.
 - Fuel treatments are now under disturbance layers
 - Will be on hold in training, the fuels data needs more work than the actual fire data
 - Historical fires are now under the Disturbance History tab not under the Fire Related tab.
 - Agency GIS leads provided the data for the past data sets.

Miscellaneous

- GA Decision Support SOPs – Lisa
 - Alaska, Southwest, Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, Great Basin, Rocky Mountain we have received SOP’s from for internal use within the WFM RDA
 - Provide a key list of contacts to the help desk so the help desk can send the customer to the appropriate GA editor or contact. It was suggested that this may be better to do at the Geographical level as it has been working in other GA’s at this level rather trying to go national.
 - Richard Powskey needs to be added as a GA editor for the BIA in the Southwest out of Phoenix

GA Editor Feedback - All

- Your opportunity to share information
 - Southern Area – None
 - CA – None
 - GB – None



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- Rocky Mountain – None
 - Linda Kerr – still concerns with the planning area box, not all agencies are being included in the decision process.
 - GA editors can help facilitate this with the field.
 - Some of this could be attributed to the unit ID being removed, ie: NPS has lost some of their Unit IDs so the individual working on the decision may not see that the planning area crosses multiple agency boundaries.
- Northern Rockies – approval authorities in Red Book are inconsistent Chapter 5 and Chapter 11.
- Southwest – Monsoons may be starting, has been relatively quiet with some IA.
- AK – None
- PNW – None
- Eastern Area - None

Action Items / Follow Up

- Next call July 19, 2012 - 1300