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**Wildland Fire Management RD&A**

## **GA Editor WEBINAR – October 18, 2012 – 1300 MDT**

**Call # 888-858-2144**

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### **Agenda Items**

**Roll Call** – Brenda Wilmore, Lisa Elenz, Andrew Bailey, Ben Butler, Rob Seli, Rick Stratton, John Barborinas, Shari Miller, Ryan Whiteaker, Brett Fay, Larry Hood, Phil Bowden, Mark Hale, Janis Hancock, Mark Pater, Gwenan Poirier, Michael Boomer, Dan Mindar, Janet Passek, Mark Hale, Tami Parkinson, Reeve Armstrong, Craig Goodell, Morgan Pence

### **Updates –Rob & Marlana**

- November Release Information – Marlana
  - Page times out - will no longer have to log in twice to get back to same page where you timed out
  - Decision content style will change - empty folder will be gone
  - Significant fire potential will populate in to the decision content for use in the decision
  - Weather information – hourly observations – changing use of fire behavior analysis, going towards a single stream of weather observations – wind, temps, rh's etc
  - List feature for notification of fire behavior requests etc
    - We will be able to manage this request feature; will know more on the next call.
    - Do people want them on geographic basis or is the national level ok with folks?
      - Yes put it on the list to change to Geographic Area especially for busy seasons
  - User privileges - Is there a way to update these privileges once in training/production rather than in both systems to promote users. If they are in production shouldn't training mirror those privileges?
    - This would help the GA's managing the requests
    - If there are different roles that people have between production and training, you don't want something to auto populate from the production side of things to training.
    - Is there a way to have the user select the role they need to work in within training?
    - Is there a function that an email could be sent when a request is put into the system for the GA editors to approve/disapprove roles.
      - GA's can manage their lists, and have them added to other GA areas so they get multiple GA information (NPS, BLM, FS etc) for those folks who oversee multiple GA's
    - What about changing the roles to have the data manager manage the local roles at the unit. Would only get the request based on the unit they oversee.
      - Would data managers have to deal with the security issues?
        - Yes most likely so this could be a can of worms,
        - Agency folks would be ok since federal employees are automatically approved.
  - SCI will be automatically populated as long as they meet the requirements for SCI
    - How do you use SCI that starts on state/private lands and it moves to federal land, this is a discussion topic



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- The model was developed to assess costs of fires that started on federal lands, it wasn't developed to pull in SCI costs associated to fires that start on private or other protection areas. Off line topic – bring in SCI from the lab (Calkins's group)
- COA will take you to the SCI page easier
- Reports (published report) if it is a published decision – that information will stay with the incident forever, information associated with pending decision will not be kept with the decision

### **Training - Marlena**

- Information is out there, training season is coming up – a friendly reminder
- Training will take people through a decision
- YouTube videos for fire behavior analysis
- More videos coming this winter regarding the decision editor etc.
- We need to hear from you, please provide us some feedback regarding these training materials.
- Spring training – what has changed, what are some highlights we need to provide review
  - Dan Mindar will be working on this with Marlena looking at early March

### **Geospatial Data – Ben & Lisa**

- Andrew Bailey – Vice Gladys (OWF Position) has been hired and is working in the Boise WFM RD&A office
- FMU Layer Update – delayed
  - Postponed the midseason update in July, will update October 29<sup>th</sup>
  - If FMU's need to be updated contact your agency GIS lead to send them the updates
  - Next cycle will be January
  - More aggressive update schedule the beginning of 2013, more information will be coming on the next call.
- Spatial FMP's talked briefly with the WFDSS GIS team - Marlena showed the forest wide examples
  - Zones/FMU's will have strategic objectives
  - Management Requirements can overlap the strategic objectives and each other, these are managed by their local unit
  - There will be an AAR with Payette in early November
  - If the unit chooses to go this route the Data Manager will have to update their layers.
  - FS/DOI leadership is starting to evaluate policy changes that would affect Fire Management Planning and we hope to be in lock step with that and offer a way to spatially represent the fire management plans.
  - This spatial concept is to help provide the field a tool to better represent their plan and apply requirements into WFDSS.
  - Alaska may be interested in implementing a statewide plan etc.
  - Might be good to try to put on some training in December as folks are starting to embrace these concepts
  - Questions give Marlena a call



## Miscellaneous

- Decision Making GTR – Lisa
  - Please look this over, due date for comments November 30th
- Line Officer's Guide - Tami
  - Feedback by the end of October
- WFM RD&A Positions – Lisa
  - 3 positions within the RD&A will be announced soon, please spread the word

## GA Editor Feedback - All

Note only for GA's providing information – others did not have updates.

- Southwest –
  - Spatial FMP will be signed early December
    - Preloading FMU's currently
- Eastern
  - Large fires on state and private all else quiet

## Action Items / Follow Up

- Fall After Action Review – Week of November 13-15
  - Schedule a couple of sessions or just update on the GA editor established call
  - Timing of the AAR, schedule the 3 days and time frames will be adjusted based on the topic areas that come in.... 9-11 each day and 1300-1500 MDT plan for those time frames.
- Agenda Items (known)
  - Fire Behavior Requests
  - ONA / Flame Act
  - Need to have your topics by the end of October
  - Agenda from Lisa will be coming out November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- We need to hear from you, please provide us some feedback regarding these training materials.
- Next call December 20, 2012 – 1300
  - Most likely this will be cancelled and we will talk in January, something to firm up at the AAR.