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**Wildland Fire Management RD&A**

## **GA Editor WEBINAR – August 16, 2012 – 1300 MDT**

**Roll Call** – Tonja Opperman, Marlena Hovorka, Lisa Elenz, Tami Parkinson, Brett Fay, Caroline Noble, Harold Riggs, Mitch Burgard, Stu Hoyt, Shari Miller, Gwenan Poirier, Kim Ernststrom, Linda Kerr, Larry Hood, Brenda Wilmore, Mark Hale, Ryan Whiteaker, Marsha Henderson, Michael Boomer, Kevin Knauth.

### **WFDSS Updates –Rob & Marlena**

- New release information – Rob/Marlena
  - 4.5 released in training 8/16, so far it is working well, if nothing major is detected it will be released to production 8/17.
  - **New features** –
    - automatic FLAME Act report – this will be located under the reports tab,
    - automatic SCI report – processed 1 time/day for fires of national significance (only FS fires);
    - Values Inventory Report – condense the values queried, they will be listed in a paragraph rather than a long list;
    - Relative Risk and Organizational Needs Images – automatically go into incident content, can insert these images into the decision if you want;
    - Predictive significant fire potential will have a legend and new label;
    - Create new incident information screen;
    - Analysis List – requested column is called the created column, the time stamp is in Central time due to where the server is sitting;
    - Map issues in Alaska should be fixed.
    - Will be able to use a fire perimeter to pull up the values inventory.
- Recent issues
  - LCP in training is not working today but it is being worked on.
  - DNS server issue last Friday and over the weekend but it should be fixed.
  - If you don't need to complex, then don't, it has the potential to make things very messy after the fact.
    - If complexing the fires is the route the unit wants to take encourage them to complex the fires under one of the existing fires, for example you have 4 fires, you could complex those fires under one fire using the original fire name etc, just keep in mind the acreage will not necessarily represent the acreage of the actual fire it will incorporate the acreage of all 4 fires.
    - If one fire gobbles up another fire, call the fire out that was gobbled up by the larger fire, document that information within the periodic assessment.
    - Don't declare a fire out just because it is in a complex.
  - Some folks have been changing the fire names ie: X fire is under Y fire, this fire name is now in the system and could cause some bumps when the systems talk to each other.
    - Once the decision is completed, a fire is declared out, or a FLAME Act report has been completed the name of the fire is locked and therefore can't be changed
  - Ability for Line officer to update a rationale ie a one liner, should the decision remain "locked" or should it be allowed for folks to be able to do a minor update.
    - Potentially update a text box within the rationale to add some very short comments
    - This will continue to be on the list for discussion and consideration in WFDSS development.



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### **GA Editor Feedback - All**

- WFM RD&A update:
  - Dan Mindar is in Great Basin with 2 folks; they are there to help even if you are out of this GA.
  - If you know of folks that would be available or if you are available please speak up to let the coordinators know.
- Eastern – not on
- Northern Rockies – Thanks for the support
  - With the forecasted weather expected to be busy after this weekend
  - 4 forests, 5 fires combined it under one decision document, it was suggested to do this due to overlapping planning areas, overlapping MAPs etc.
- Northwest – sharing resources, keeping up at this time, has some calibration information he would be willing to share. Please post to My Fire Community site.
- Southwest – Nothing to report
- California – Southern/Northern – several large fires, some forests are struggling to keep up with the WFDSS, Complex between 2 forests/2 regions, there is one decision to cover these complexes to make it easier for updating the decisions. In addition Fremont/Winema and Modoc are doing the same.
  - Potential needs? None at this point, waiting to see how things pan out after the weekend.
- Southern Area – Nothing
- Alaska – Fall has arrived... nothing to report, some folks may be available to support next week.
- Eastern – Missouri was busy for a bit, things have slowed down again. Will work with the Regional Forester this fall to update some protocols as necessary.
- What list does IBM use to help push the appropriate question to the responsible GA editor? They do have a list/matrix that was provided to them.

### **Action Items / Follow Up**

- Next call September 20, 2012 - 1300