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## Wildland Fire Management RD&A

### GA Editor WEBINAR – June 19th, 2014 – 1300 MT

**Call purpose:** to share information between and amongst the GAEs and the RDA to promote coordination and information exchange to and from users

**Roll Call:** Gwenan Poirier, Zeke Ziel, Doug Alexander, Jesse Duhnkrack, Liz Struhar, Stu Hoyt, Ben Butler, Lisa Elenz, Andrew Bailey, Morgan Pence, Marlana Hovorka, Larry Hood, Kim Ernststrom, Brett Fay, Tonja Opperman, Shari Miller, Ken Schmid, Brenda Wilmore, Mitch Burgard, Reeve Armstrong, Cody Wienk, Diane Rau, Mark Hale, Rick Stratton, Tom St. Clair, Mesia Nyman, John Barborinas, Rich Sterry, Dan Mindar

Notes: Tami Parkinson

### Agenda Items

#### General- Morgan

- We are working on compliance
- Contact our duty officer with 508 compliance needs/issues

#### General- Lisa

- WFDSS Line Officer Refresher Training
  - **Please circulate to line officer types, the session will be taped incase folks can't participate**
- Fire Behavior Community
  - Poll: do you think you will use this new Fire Behavior Community?
    - Most folks would use the site – 56%; maybe use the site 44%
  - This will take the place of the LTAN/FBAN site, this will be a platform to share information from curriculum,
  - **Looking for folks to help maintain the site- contact Lisa.** Those that volunteered on the call to be involved were Jesse Duhnkrack, Mark Hale, Mesia Nyman, Stu Hoyt, Tom St. Clair
- Status of RD&A 9/11 position
  - Reggie Goolsby was offered and accepted the position
- Suggested Decision Organization changes
  - Only about 15 responses from test document Lisa sent out
  - The changes will be made likely in the fall after the fire season
  - **Anyone interested in participating in this, please respond to Lisa-** those that volunteered were: Brett Fay, Mesia Nyman, Rick Stratton, Shari Miller, Stu Hoyt
- Risk and Complexity Analysis resources vs individuals issue/status, supporting info (Action Item 14-11), potential memo (Action Item 14-9)
  - No memo in the works but various regions are putting out their own memos



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- Status of the help documentation
  - This is being updated
- Type 5 IC – says 5 “resources” it is more semantics from copying from another document Lisa has brought this up to OWDC

### Fuels - Kim

- FYI status of IFTDSS
  - Been in development in JFSP over the past several years
  - IFTDSS has been approved by the agencies and it is moving forward
    - It has been approved by WFIT
    - RD&A has been identified as the lead for IFTDSS
    - Is on line but it is still in the Beta version at this time  
<http://iftoss.sonomatech.com/>
    - Working through the beginning phases of the process, contracting etc
    - No relation with WFDSS at this time, but analyzing potential opportunities for the future

### WFDSS Quick Tip – Ben

- Utilizing Incident Groups
  - Can be private or public
  - Create group – give it a name – private/public – view incidents – add incidents (add the ones that you want to watch) – add incidents to group.
  - From the group list you can view decisions, group map, group analyses
  - You can also bookmark the incidents you want to watch/monitor
  - You can also download the kmz files for your group you have selected
  - **Please provide feedback if quick tips is something we should continue**

### WFDSS Updates –Marlena/Mitch

- Status of Organization Assessment as a requirement for a decision
- New release items/when is next release – End of July – moving to new hardware at EROS
  - Should be a seamless move
- 2015 Task Orders
  - Validation tab will go away
  - Making the decision process easier
    - Will change and will invite feedback as it gets closer, will allow folks to work left to right

### IRWIN Status – Andrew

- Current status
  - Fire data in WFDSS are now linked to fire data entered in other systems.
  - A fire that has been entered into WildCAD 6, Sit209, or FireCode will be available on the incident list within WFDSS



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- WildCAD 6 is only online at one dispatch center (Los Padres Communications Center)
- Fires entered into WFDSS are available for use in other systems, including Sit209.
- Major feature of the system is reducing duplicative data entry- old workflows are resulting in duplicate entries in IRWIN which create problems. Always look to see if a fire exists before creating a new entry. Pay attention to messages warning you about possible duplicates!
- Fires whose information have been modified by a system with higher precedence in the list below will not be editable in WFDSS - users will be directed to the appropriate system to modify that information.
- FireCode is not preventing duplicates for fires that do not already have a Firecode. To prevent duplicates created when dispatchers batch upload from WFDSS, and then get a Firecode, the batch upload from WildCAD 5 capability has been disabled in WFDSS. Once IRWIN/FireCode is preventing the majority of duplicates, we hope to re-enable the batch upload capability.
- 3 IRWIN Documents on the WFDSS Home Page:
  - An IRWIN overview:  
<http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/pdfs/WFDSSIRWINBasicInformation.pdf>
  - WildCAD 5 batch upload is disabled:  
<http://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/pdfs/WFDSSIRWINBatchUpload.pdf>
- IRWIN will be publishing a work flow document at the end of this week for your use
- Order of data precedence by application, highest to lowest- general guidelines
  1. WildCAD 6 ("most authoritative")
  2. ICS 209
  3. WFDSS
  4. FireCode
  5. USDA FS Enterprise Geospatial Portal (read only)
- Notable exceptions:
  - FireCode is always the most authoritative source for the Firecode.
  - WFDSS is always the most authoritative source for the incident perimeter acreage
  - WFDSS is more authoritative than Sit209 for Contain, Control, and Out dates. Users can enter those values in WFDSS (the greyed out fields have been unlocked) as of 6/19/2014.

## Geospatial Data – Andrew/Ben

- Fire Management Unit/Strategic Objective shapes
  - May FMUs / Strategic Objective shapes were loaded on 5/28
  - Next FMU Update August (data due from Agency fire GIS leads 8/25)
- Terrestrial/Aquatic Retardant Avoidance: loaded to WFDSS on 5/16
- Fuel Treatments
  - Currently adding to application. Will be loaded into training first.
- Other Data Updates
  - Fixed data gap for historic fire perimeters in the 1979-prior, 1980-89, and 1990-99 bins.
  - Updated USFWS Trails.



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- Updated Inventoried Roadless Areas dataset.
- Working on building cluster updates for New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Oregon, Utah and Arizona
- 2013 historical fire perimeters should be loaded into training soon.
- Processing Alaska Jurisdictional Agency update.
- Poll Question: Have you used the new USGS Topo Base Maps in WFDSS?

### Review Action Items- Morgan

Updates on:

- 14-9 Lisa, status of potential FS memo on RCA NO MEMO
- 14-11 Marlena, status of guidance document on RCA (similar to old RR guidance) Draft an in review
- 14-12- add a new Action Item to follow up with the GAEs on our efforts to highlight the changes and updates that are made in response to their/field back to the field on our homepage as noted on the last call (May), that was discussed at our Spring meeting in Boise.

### GA Editor Feedback

**Purpose: share coordination opportunities, anticipated fire activity and trainings, share feedback from WFDSS users, etc.**

- Alaska: some issues with IRWIN, all other questions answered, Zeke is also a GAE
- Eastern: NA
- Great Basin: NA
- NoCal: NA
- SoCal:
- Northern Rockies: how to coordinate decision support in NR's interagency, will also be in the regional mobe guide in 2015
- Northwest: NA
- Rocky Mountain: GA's updating a WFDSS support site posted on the Rocky Mountain website, thanks to Andrew for all of his help and support.
- Southwest: NA
- Southern: quiet, a few fires in big cypress, some issues with WFDSS with the IRWIN updates

### Next Call

- July 17th at 1300 MT
- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents  
<http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/DecisionMakingforWildfireIncidents.pdf>



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