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GA Editor WEBINAR – July 17th, 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:

Note Taker: Larry Hood, Zeke Ziel, Michael Boomer, Stu Hoyt, Andrew Bailey, Brett Fay, Doug Alexander, Gwenan Poirier, Brian Sorbel, Jesse Duhnkrack, Liz Struhar, Mark Nelson, Reeve Armstrong, Kurtis Nelson, John Barborinas, Morgan Pence, Mark Hale, Mesiah Nyman, Thomas St. Clair, Caroline Noble, Shari Miller, Marlena Hovorka, Lisa Elenz,

Agenda Items

General- Morgan

- None

General- Lisa

- WFDSS Line Officer Refresher Training- Really good attendance for both sessions, will host powerpoint presentation as a pdf, video will also be hosted up as well,
 - Recommend one event be hosted every year
 - Late in giving the training, so earlier would be better
 - Also updating the certification process there is an old ROSS requirement from WFDSS, so working with Jill McCurdy and Evans Kuo to clean this up
- Fire Behavior Community status – this is drafted out, some folders and sub folders have been created will have information coming out through the FBAN/LTAN network
- Risk and Complexity Help/Guidance document status (Action Item 14-11)
 - Drafted, working to get this put into help documentation
- Objectives project – looking around at how objectives are developed, will be reviewing fires and their objectives to take that information back to develop training materials

WFDSS Quick Tip – Ben

- Bookmarks
 - Situation map or analyst map you want to save or return to, click the bookmark tab at the top
 - Use to 1) quick link between fires 2) save layer setting you know you will want to view again 3) save navigation time and use bookmarks for briefings 4) You can share bookmarks by emailing them to others – the link that is in the bookmark box

WFDSS Updates –Marlena/Mitch

- RCA graph language changes
 - High/early – high/late for probability terminology



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- Proximity – terminology of threats
- ON as a WFDSS decision requirement
 - Organizational needs is required to complete a decision
- New release items/when is next release
 - No new functionality in this release upcoming in August
 - End of August will likely be on the new server
- 2015 Task Orders
 - 5 days to 14 days to get approved for the decision editor changes from the department to have additional task orders
 - Relative risk help content should be updated by next week
 - Earliest to have the actual mock ups would be November time frames
 - Questions get with Marlena

IRWIN Status – Andrew

- Current Status
 - Data exchange continues
 - Wildcad 6 online at 10 dispatch centers
 - WildCAD 6 is online at ten dispatch centers:
 - IDGVC - Grangeville, ID
 - ILILC - Illinois Interagency
 - UTNUC - Northern Utah
 - SCSCC - South Carolina
 - WYCDC - Cody, WY
 - CALPCC - Los Padres NF
 - CAYPCC - Yosemite NP
 - ORMIC - Medford BLM
 - AZPDC - Prescott
 - IDBDC - Boise
 - If not using wildcad 6 the system won't populate to IRWIN
 - If a fire requires fire code, fire code should be requested prior to initiating a WFDSS record otherwise there could be duplicative entries
 - Data system precedence
- **Coordinate with dispatch.**
 - If a fire is going to require a Fire Code, **get the Fire Code first** before starting a WFDSS entry.
 - Always look to see if a fire exists in WFDSS before creating a new entry.
 - Pay attention to messages warning you about possible duplicates!
 - A major feature of the system is reducing duplicative data entry- old workflows continue to result in duplicate entries in IRWIN which create problem.
- 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.



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- 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.
- 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)
- 2 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>
 - I will add white papers for workflow (FireCode first, WFDSS second) and dealing with False Alarms, Severity, Step Up, and other non-fire incidents by coding them as "Other".
- Contain/Control/And Out Dates
 - WFDSS is more authoritative than Sit209 for Contain, Control, and Out dates. Users can enter those values in WFDSS (they greyed out fields have been unlocked) as of 6/19/2014.
 - Nullifying fields: IRWIN was not allowing us to un-out, un-contain, or un-control a fire. That has been fixed as of Friday 7/11/2014. If you notice anything strange occurring with dates and times, please do a WFDSS feedback and let us know.
 - Currently IRWIN does not allow a user to change a discovery date that is more than two months old. We have filed that as an IRWIN defect and will let you know when to expect resolution.
- False alarms created in WFDSS automatically goes to .1 acres working on allowing the system to have false alarms be 0 acres

Geospatial Data – Andrew/Ben

- Fire Management Unit/Strategic Objective shapes
 - Next FMU Update August (data due from Agency fire GIS leads 8/25)
- Fuel Treatments
 - Went through review in training - thanks to those who assisted. Will remove Wildland Fire Use perimeters as they are duplicative with wildfire perimeters. The data should be in production this week or early next week.
- 2013 historical fire perimeters were loaded on 7/1.
- Other Data Updates
 - Working on building cluster updates for New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Oregon, Utah and Arizona
 - 2012 and prior agency perimeters should be loaded next.
 - BLM Range Allotments Updated (7/8)
 - BLM Horse/Burro area updated (7/8)



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- Critical Habitat updated (6/30)
- Processing Alaska Jurisdictional Agency update. New unit IDs for PRI, (ex IDPRI) have been added for all 50 states. Will wait on new AK jurisdiction data and Native Corporation Unit IDs before adding data to WFDSS.

Review Action Items- Morgan

Updates on:

- 14-11 Marlena, status of guidance document on RCA (similar to old RR guidance)
- 14-12 Marlena, status of highlighting changes/updates made to WFDSS as a result of GAE/field feedback on homepage
 - Would start working on this in the fall or early winter

GA Editor Feedback

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

- Alaska: help desk is giving GAE phone numbers out to help desk requests, help desk is steering the folks to the wrong phone numbers
 - There has been a ticket submitted for the GA editors, who are the appropriate editors to assist the field
 - Help desk won't transition until December 2014
 - AK is quiet, PL1
- Eastern: NA
- Great Basin: fire activity in Idaho and Nevada,
 - Help desk not helpful in helping solve field inquiries
 - Used intelligence page to find a fire, border fire with GA, forest boundary it was difficult to locate the fire
 - Needs to be coordination between fire management and dispatch center
- NoCal: lightning over the last few weeks, coming in with precip, most of the fires have been caught successfully, fuels and fire behavior advisories for northern and central CA
- SoCal:
- Northern Rockies: computer specialist is installing wildcad 6,
 - Fire activity, a bit of June rains set the season back a bit
 - Pretty quiet
- Northwest:
- Rocky Mountain: nothing – best contact at RD&A for language regarding strategic objectives and management requirements, - get with Marlena for more information.
 - BLM no issues coming up at this time
- Southwest:
 - Slowed down considerably
 - Running 2-3 multiple objective fires in AZ
- Southern:



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- Quiet, lots of rain, 3,000 acre fire at the everglades

Next Call

- August 21st at 1300 MT
- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents
<http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/DecisionMakingforWildfireIncidents.pdf>