

GA Editor WEBINAR – Sept. 18th, 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:

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Note taker: Tonja

Agenda Items

General- Mark

- Fall AAR. Fill out the Doodle Poll for the dates you can attend an AAR, it has been narrowed to the week of November 17th. Like last year we will shoot to keep to 1 day and will depend on topics submitted. <http://doodle.com/3ar3t2hi5rtk9747>
- Please complete the survey regarding WFDSS/RDA in 2014 to determine Agenda items for the AAR. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10NwFltFdRhzaQXvOmkwiCglVIQ6F1hIZ4EeUmdlCoyc/viewform?usp=send_form
- Both the Doodle Poll and the Survey Form links were provided in the invitation email to this call. Let Morgan know if you did not receive it. Meeting will be virtual.

General- Lisa

- Winter Projects - Lisa
 - Line Officer Training--AA certification is being cleaned up in WFDSS. Not sure who references NWFDSS course in IQCS. Trying to help identify WFDSS 101 lessons you can use in training. If you are interested in helping with LO training, let Lisa know. Training will occur Spring 2015.
 - Delegation of Authority—started this last year; more apparent that DOA, briefing package, leader's intent, and WFDSS are not always aligned well.
 - Other help content & the decision PDF—we welcome ideas and help over the winter with these items.
 - Detailers—we are interested in bringing in people to help us over the winter. If you have ideas for people who would be interested, let us know. We will seek minimum of 30 days for people with some WFDSS tech skills and document writing/editing skills. Does not have to be a Fire Behavior Specialist. Will likely work remotely from home unit.

WFDSS Quick Tip – Ben

- Data Management Tab—see Unit Shapes and Unit Map tabs.
 - You need the Data Manager role (you can request this role).
 - Unit shapes can be uploaded that are unique to the unit—management requirement shapes and “other” shapes.

- o Strategic Objectives show up in the map interface if you've enabled spatial fire management planning, otherwise you see FMUs.
- o Ben demonstrated drawing a Mgmt Requirement shape and how it's clipped to the unit boundary. It can be linked to text to show up in your decision via a pop-up menu. "Other" unit shapes can be drawn/added but are not clipped to the Unit Boundary and there is no linking to text. These shapes can be included in "Values" output.

WFDSS Updates –Marlena/Mitch

- New release items/when is next release—Some hardware recently migrated. February/March will see new Decision Editor roll-out that is more intuitive.
- 2015 Task Orders—no report.

IRWIN Status – Andrew

- Current Status—FireCode has not been updated to resolve some issues we have w/duplicates. Resolving duplicates can take up to a week. Send WFDSS feedback if you need help resolving duplicates.
- Removal of WildCAD 5 Batch Upload function—WildCAD 6 will be released at all dispatch centers throughout this winter, therefore WildCAD 5 Batch upload will not be reinstated.
- GACC IRWIN After Action Reviews—this is going GA-by-GA to see how Irwin impacted business workflows this winter. Rocky Mountain GACC is scheduled for 9/23. Andrew will keep us updated on scheduling of additional AARs. Andrew sent an email with the Agenda, which is a "listening session facilitated by the GACC manager" to be attended in person or via GoToMeeting.

Geospatial Data – Andrew/Ben

- November FMU/Strategic Objective Shape update—updates done at end of August with another scheduled for end of November. Therefore, updates due to Andrew the MONDAY 11/17. You may have local deadlines that are sooner. A data refresh plan for 2015 is being drafted.

Review Action Items- Mark

Updates on:

- Most action items were put on hold until the user centered design process changes were underway as items may be resolved. We will take a look at these soon and at the AAR to see which still warrant action.
- Updates to risk and complexity analysis was sent to GAEs from Morgan Pence via email. Lisa is feeding this back through OWDC. It is also on our WFM RD&A webpage.
- Morgan will send a "close" date for the Doodle poll to all GAEs.

GA Editor Feedback

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

- Alaska: DOI WFDSS outage for a few weeks, but season was slow at that time, so not a big issue. Dealing with fires generated by IRWIN that never were owned or declared out. Challenging to

change the incident type from “wildfire” to “other” as needed. Andrew responded: IRWIN doesn’t allow change of fire data if fire more than 60 days old, and this is a significant problem; we are working with them to remove this date restriction. Until then, some fires cannot be edited.

- Eastern: Still looking at how to replace Mark Hale.
- Great Basin: Nothing to report. Getting rain.
- NoCal: no attendee
- SoCal: no attendee
- Northern Rockies: Some fire season left in Bitterroot area. Still waiting to see Trip Report from the Objectives visit to the Northern Rockies (Lisa will check with Tim). In regards to Decision Documents, what is the timeframe for responses? Lisa needs a response by end of September so that it can be worked on in October and given to developers in November. Lisa needs to know from GAEs if it needs to be changed from the Draft that she sent out.
- Northwest: still some activity but winding down.
- Rocky Mountain: fires are quiet. Cleaning up WFDSS incidents that did not need decisions. Q: Why is significant fire potential map not showing 7th day of fire potential on the map? A: no, but Andrew will follow up. Q: What is timeline for review on the RCA (risk complexity analysis)? A: Review period is mostly closed; see the document on our website. Q: will WFDSS get updated with the new RCA? A: there will not be a new NWCG memo, but the new RCA will get published in Red Book, IRPG, etc and the edits will get incorporated over time (e.g. from n/a to “very low”). Comment: the 2015 Red Book has edits to Chapter 9 on Planning. Jesse sat on an IFPC meeting where additional definitions were discussed; there is potential for confusion in the field with these efforts to define several terms—would be good for everyone to keep abreast of these discussions.
- Southwest: Flooding issues on some units.
- Southern: Big Cypress has been showing some not owned fires; getting help from Andrew with the naming conventions that are problematic. Andrew will track this down as it was already worked on this summer.

Next Call

- October 16th at 1300 MT
- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents
<http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/DecisionMakingforWildfireIncidents.pdf>