

GA Editor WEBINAR – Oct. 10th, 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

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Agenda Items

General- Morgan

- The fall AAR will be on Friday November 21st. Please mark it in your calendar.
- The regular monthly GAE call on Nov. 20th will be cancelled as the next day is the AAR.
- If you would like to provide feedback for the agenda complete this survey prior to Nov. 7th.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10NwFltFdRhzaQXvOmkwiCglVIQ6F1hlZ4EeUmdlCoyc/viewform?usp=send_form
- The AAR agenda will be sent in advance with times noted for specific topics so you can prioritize your day.

General- Lisa

- No update

WFDSS Quick Tip – Ben

- How to export a planning process
 - Data Management tab in training may look different than the Data Management in Production
 - “export planning process” in the planning process box
 - This will allow you to export the process from production and import it into your training it will only export from production to training
 - FMU, strategic objectives, management requirements that are active and the associated shapes to your training profile
 - This all occurs in WFDSS it doesn’t export to your hard drive
 - Must have spatial FMU’s entered
 - Must have one Management Requirement and one Strategic Objective to export the data

- o Unit shapes
 - Import/export
 - Can go from training to production or vice versa
- o We need to update the help documentation for these topic areas.
- How is this used for the field
 - o A lot of times folks focus on the production side to get everything updated for the field season. When there are training courses/opportunities the training side of things isn't updated. To have a mirrored version of the data from production to training is beneficial so folks can actually use the training platform with the data that would be used within production during the field season.

WFDSS Updates –Marlena/Mitch

- New hardware is being installed at EROS. It is expected to take about two weeks during the mid-October to mid-November timeframe.
- New hardware will allow us to update a bunch of WFDSS software applications which will allow us to implement some new features.
- Users should not see any issues in Production or Training during the transition, however, we will be limited in our ability to implement new developments or patch issues during that time.
- In 2015 there will be some exciting new updates based on user feedback. We'll get input from this group and update you on the plans during the upcoming winter calls.

IRWIN Status – Andrew

- Current Status
 - o Slowed down nationally with fires, only 1 IRWIN data conflict in the last week
 - o Wildcad 6 going live at dispatch centers across the west over the next few months
 - o IRWIN team AAR for Rocky Mountain GACC, other GA's were to be scheduled
 - o AAR with development Team
 - o AAR with GA Editors – would like to do this
 - Interest? There is some interest within the GA editors
 - Andrew will continue to push this forward, as it would be beneficial to the groups
 - Are there other folks that could participate from the field?
 - IMT, Line Officers, FMO's,
 - Have the GA's take the lead on gathering up some of this feedback

Geospatial Data – Andrew/Ben

- November FMU/Strategic Objective Shape update – November 17 is the due date from agency GIS folks to WFDSS data management
 - o Agency GIS coordinators will have an earlier date set
- Jurisdictional agency boundary update
- Responsible agency update for CA

GA Editor Feedback

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

- Alaska: interagency fall fire review
 - Importance of WFDSS facilitator position on incidents
 - Spring training in the spring for line officers and others who help with decisions or decision support
 - The updates to WFDSS look and feel changes has people a little nervous as folks are planning their training/orientations
- Eastern: Doug Ottison should be helpful with WFDSS guidance
- Great Basin: Post Fire Season AAR with Forest Fire Personnel next week
- NoCal: continuing IRWIN that fire code is creating a lot of incidents for non FS agencies ie state, county and DOI
 - No requirement for the other entities to call fires out
- SoCal:
- Northern Rockies: New user interface has people concerned going into the training season next spring
 - The same concern as CA regarding the other fire agencies still having fires that are lingering because those other agencies aren't required to call the fires out.
- Northwest: Fall meeting to discuss spatial fire planning, in blended units and FS only units
 - Changes to WFDSS interface has people concerned
 - Decision Editor
 - Decisional outlines
 - Structure of the changes
 - Timeline of the changes so people can plan the local training accordingly
- Rocky Mountain: 2 BLM post meetings coming up
 - When is the changes going to hit the street
 - What are the time frames, how are things going to look
 - Can there be a timeline shared with the field so people can accordingly for training etc
 - Terminology
 - Spatial Fire Planning Process is the spatial fire planning terminology
 - Fire management plans in the FS are going away
- Southwest:
 - Ryan Whiteaker took a job as a Forest FMO so will no longer be a GA editor for the Fish and Wildlife. Fish and Wildlife service is going to abolish his position therefore there won't be a GAE filling in behind him
- Southern:

Next Call

- AAR on November 21st, agenda will be emailed
- Next regular GAE Call is December 18th at 1300 MT

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- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents
<http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/DecisionMakingforWildfireIncidents.pdf>