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## Wildland Fire Management RD&A

### GA Editor WEBINAR – January 16, 2014 – 1300 MST

## Agenda Items

**Roll Call** Brenda Wilmore, Brian Sobel, Caroline noble, Craig Goodell, Dan Mindar, Gwenan Poirier, Harold Riggs, Sam Amato, Jan Passeck, Jeremy Sisneros, James Newman, Janis Hancock, Jesse Duhnkrack, John Barborinas, Kim Ernstrom, Kim Kelly, Kristi Bullock, Larry Hood, Mark Hale, Marva Willey, Mitch Burgard, Nancy Wilson, Phil Bowden, Reeve Armstrong, Rick Stratton, Robert LaPlant, Ryan Whiteaker, Shari Miller, Morgan Pence, Marlana Hovorka, Tami Parkinson, Andrew Bailey, Mesiah Nyman.

### WFDSS Updates –Marlena / Mitch

- Next Release tentative end of Jan./first of Feb.
  - Data Management Notes -
  - Changes regarding ONA/RR, now called Risk and Complexity Assessment (RCA) per [NWCG memo #015-2013](#)
  - Non Gov users receive email with instructions to gain to system – GA editors will have a comment field as to when you granted access, so can track notes based on individuals so privileges can be disabled as needed.
  - New imagery for this USGS has given us new topos etc
    - Will be able to print the maps using a screen capture
  - Comment field for granting user roles or disabling
  - IRWIN- changes to info page due in March
    - Changes to information page
      - Irwin will be on line at the end of March
      - What data fields will be locked down, so you will have to go through 209 or the CAD decision to update specific data fields
  - Changes to SCI
  - MAP's will be able to print these now,
    - Will default to the top layer
  - Changed some of the triggers for the FLAME act, if not over 300 acres it won't trigger going to DC
  - Image uploading – there is a compressed feature so it will fit on an 8.5x11 page
  - Near term will have an animated KMZ similar to what farsite used to do
  - Analyses will have an improved notes feature – it all shows up on one screen now, easier to track etc.
  - Improve audit trails for data management, this will provide a history to the data management changes and personnel changes
  - Schedule a day after the release for data managers/GAE's wouldn't be the GAE call 1-1.5 hours
- UCD Review – Thank you for the participation
- Security audit and user accounts
  - Disable feature, cleaning up the older accounts that have been used for a couple years
- Spatial Fire Planning Process Training
  - [WFDSS Spatial fire planning guide](#)



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- This will step you through the planning process in WFDSS
- The guide is good to go, currently linking to the help to make sure things are consistent
- FS regions are moving forward, optional in 2014, required in 2015
- Moving application to new hardware at EROS
  - Will be running on newer stuff by February
- Upgrading to newer server software that may fix compatibility issues
- Working on implementing new base layers (thanks Andrew)
  - Getting the new imagery ready to go

### Geospatial Data – Andrew

- General data update
  - Schedule for FMU/strat obj. shapes
    - February – this information needs to go through your agency GIS data lead
  - Finalization of data refresh plan – will talk with agency GIS leads tomorrow, there is a plan posted [https://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS\\_Data.shtml](https://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS_Data.shtml)

### Spatial Fire Planning- Ryan Whitaker-

- Implementation and use for FWS: info sharing/question answering
  - Started in 2011 to do a small refuge initially, then made it larger for 6 refuges and 2 fish hatcheries in a district
    - Took approximately a year
    - Went through each refuge and looked at what could be mapped and what still needed to be written. Broke the entire plan into National guidance, District portion consists of what was common information to be pulled into a district plan
      - Each refuge then had their own site specific plan, 6-10 pages, 3 maps per fish hatchery or refuge, fire history, operations, planning – fuels projects, critical habitat is included in the maps,
      - wanted something usable for each refuge/fishery
    - WFDSS working with Marlena – she did most of the work
      - Haven't had any fires to really test the work that has been done
    - Map sheets took a pretty good workload, the written information was the easy portion of the revision, the maps were approximately 4-8 weeks to complete

### Review Action Items- Morgan

- Item 14-1, Andrew – investigating the fonts in WFDSS maps – status: still under investigations
- Item 14-2, Ben - Night lights option in WFDSS – Ben – not on the call but looks promising
- Item 14-3 Marlena - ONA button in WFDSS – the process is changing – there is a new method so on hold at this time – will wait till the release rolls out
- Item 14-4, Tonja - Inform fire behavior users that their actions affect the WFDSS decision – Tonja will incorporate some of this into the training she helps with – specifically 495
- Item 14-5 Marlena - DOA template – will create a video for training –
  - Spatial fire planning content is being worked on yet,



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- Item 14-6 DOA export to word – this needs approval from change control board, will keep for their next meetings
- Item 14-7, disseminating S482 SOPL info, complete
- Item 14-8, Andrew – situation Map to project Albers for AK – should be taken care of with the new USGS maps coming out in the next release.
- Item 13-1 Marlana – access for nonfederal users – will have information on how to gain access to the training,
  - GA's would still be tracking this information at this time
  - Marlana says there is a separate effort in progress to allow common user sign on and it would be a duplication of efforts to look into some other effort at this time. This item is deferred
- Item 13-2. ONA – worked on now with the new process
- Item 13-14, Additional items waiting for the UCD review

### GA Editor Feedback - All

Northwest - Nothing

No Cal – Larry stfb for fire in SO cal in Angeles 1700 acres, multiple structures lost, 80 degrees, 8% RH SoCal

Northern Rockies – call to review the updates to WFDSS with the new release, this would be helpful

- AAR – long list of items we are working on, is there interest with the other GAEs that might feel they should be helping to prioritize what we are working on or submitting to the contracts
  - What is a priority to the GAE's vs priority from the RD&A

Great Basin – Are combined but physically won't be sitting together till January of 2015

Rocky Mountain – Nothing FS/ but will be looking for additional FS GAE

Southwest - Nothing

Eastern – training scheduled for February and March

Southern - Nothing

Alaska – is there potential for there to be another lock out during fire season, like what happened this past fall/winter

### Follow Up

- Next call, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1300 MT  
If you have training coming up please share with Marlana so this can be coordinated as need with IBM staff etc so the sytem doesn't get shut down or something
- Please complete the WFDSS Survey  
[https://docs.google.com/a/firenet.gov/forms/d/1nm5OnHTixjZ2R8OUUnMQLa\\_hFnwa1zkhXmrMX6lfqS8c/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/firenet.gov/forms/d/1nm5OnHTixjZ2R8OUUnMQLa_hFnwa1zkhXmrMX6lfqS8c/viewform)
- Line Officer's Guide – USFS available, discussion taking place for DOI  
[http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/Line\\_Officer\\_Guide/Final\\_Line\\_Officer\\_Desk\\_Reference\\_2013.pdf](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/Line_Officer_Guide/Final_Line_Officer_Desk_Reference_2013.pdf)
- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents  
<http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/DecisionMakingforWildfireIncidents.pdf>



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