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Wildland Fire Management RD&A

GA Editor WEBINAR – April 17th, 2014 – 1300 MT

Agenda Items

Roll Call: Jesse Duhnkrack, John Barborinas, Kristi Bulock, Reeve Armstrong, Tonja Opperman, Kim Ernstrom, Caroline Noble, Brian Sobel, Brenda Wilmore, Dan Mindar, Janis Hancock, Liz Struhar, James Newman, Jason Loomis, Kim Kelly, Rick Stratton, Shari Miller, Larry Hood, Doug Alexander, Andrew Bailey, Lisa Elenz, Morgan Pence, Mitch Burgard, Tami Parkinson

General- Lisa & Morgan

- Status of RD&A Positions – certs on both RD&A positions, working through via a panel – vice Kurth, Jones and Burgard
- Interagency Fuels Treatment Decision Support System
 - WFIT exec board seeking more information
 - Additional meeting Monday April 20th with OWF
- FS- Tom Harbor's thoughts on Objectives
 - Fire directors meeting – FS – concern about how the field is writing objectives
 - People aren't really writing objectives at specific fires instead are drawing a box and bringing in general objectives that are applicable for many fires
 - Specific information is missing from the objectives
 - Risk Management, risk based decision making
 - May look at additional training to help
 - If there are examples from the field please share with RD&A
- Fire Season Potential- anticipated needs
 - Regional fire directors
 - DOI and FS –
 - How can RD&A assist with the upcoming predicted fire season
 - How can the RD&A better assist with decision making, and preparing for the upcoming fire season
 - Are the models really working, what is/isn't working correctly
 - Share feedback with the RD&A so we can help support or make changes as needed
 - Are there areas of concerns, please share that with the predictive services as well
- Fire Behavior Website option
 - Used to have the FBAN/LTAN website
 - Fire modeling community – to share information for modeling support, tips/tricks etc
 - Set up a new community to share information with the field,
 - Model not working right, bug kill conditions etc
 - Things that are related to fire behavior



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- Try to include the fban/ltan community Risa Lange-Navarro managed
 - Fire season potential could also be hosted here
 - If you are interested please contact Lisa, we would like to get something set up sooner than later
- Status of CWN list
 - We will share our list with you, so you can call them directly if you need additional support within your GA
 - Approximately 36 folks have signed up this year who are willing to assist
 - Morgan will send this information out within the next couple of weeks
 - The list can be constantly updated, so additional people can be added throughout the season
- Send us (email to Morgan) your area specific direction regarding how you manage requests and WFDSS assistance so we can follow your protocols if we are contacted from someone in your area.
 - RD&A wants to be sure we are following your protocols within your GA's

WFDSS Updates –Marlena/Mitch

- UCD Review update
 - Mitch is working to compile this into a spreadsheet
 - What we can do now
 - What can be done after changes occur in the application
 - Will look to share this information next month
 - Are there any decisions that need to be made out of the UCD review
- 508 compliance- expectations and upcoming hurdles
 - USDA will do a 2 hour review of the application
 - Potentially issues with tables and excel spreadsheets
 - A few issues we need to fix/build and correct within the next couple of weeks
 - More information to come next month
- Decision Document- potential changes in format
 - Discussing changes regarding the flow
 - Evaluating how folks are inputting their information within the decision
 - Is there a method of changing the inputs so it makes more sense to the users
 - Making it more of a report with better flow
 - If GAE's would be reviewers the assistance would be appreciated
 - Please contact Lisa
 - Will also be working with the NLOT FS oriented
- IRWIN status/update
 - WFDSS is ready to hook up when IRWIN is ready
 - April is still the target date
 - Field personnel testing IRWIN/Wildcad 6
 - Their information isn't showing up in WFDSS yet so trying to chase this down as to why the systems aren't connecting
- Send training dates to Marlena
 - WFDSS has been up and down due to issues at EROS etc



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- Please let Marlana know about your training so she can make sure if at all possible to keep the system up
- Shape uploads
 - There are some issues with uploading large shapes if you are moving through the spatial fire planning
 - Please send Mitch a note as he will help chase the fixes
 - The system should be fixed after the next release in May

Geospatial Data – Andrew/Ben

- Fire Management Unit/Strategic Objective shapes
 - FMU v27 submitted by agencies at end of March needed cleanup, but have been staged to load to WFDSS
 - May FMUs due 5/19 from Agency fire GIS leads
 - Next FMU Update August (date due from Agency fire GIS leads 8/25)
- Terrestrial/Aquatic Retardant Avoidance: awaiting delivery of data, load to WFDSS in early May
- Fuel Treatments
 - all agency data received and mapped to NWCG data standard. Reports being sent to agency geospatial leads.
 - Still aiming to have loaded in WFDSS test, late April
- NWCG Unit ID (Changes to system of record)
- Other Data Updates
 - CA Building Cluster data loaded 3/26
 - USFS administrative boundaries updated 3/31
 - Fire weather Zones updated 4/10
 - Roads update this week
 - Other updates pending in April: Wilderness, Wilderness Study, Inventoried Roadless, National Recreation Areas, Other Designated Areas
 - Working on building cluster updates for Utah and Arizona
 - 2013 historical fire perimeters - waiting for USFS, FWS, BIA. Update delayed to May.
 - Insect and Disease aerial survey data - Early investigation stages
 - Alaska Jurisdictional Agency update delivery May 15th
 - AK will have a jurisdictional layer update May 15th, Brian Sorbel will get with Andrew

For Reference:

FMU Update Schedule

http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/FMU_Update_Sched.html

2014 Data Refresh Plan

http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/WFDSS_DataRefreshPlan.pdf

Review Action Items- Morgan

Updates on:

- 14-5 Marlana, DOA template increasing understanding/utilization
 - This is ongoing and can be merged into the larger effort of helping units utilize objectives better and adjustments in the decision document format.



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- 14-9 Lisa, potential FS memo on RCA
 - No traction on this, note sent to Steve Gage and Tim Sexton
 - A feeling that this isn't very important
 - R2 would like more information on this, to clarify
 - This is likely beyond the RD&A
- 14-10 Marlena, potential inclusion of spot weather KMZ in WFDSS
 - There is a link for spot weather
 - WFDSS won't ingest KMZ files
 - Will have to do some rebuilding to ingest the KMZ files -

GA Editor Feedback - All

Alaska – new faces on call in coming months, J Passeck and M Henderson are moving on, Doug Alexander Regional FMO FWS, Kristi Bullock, Zeke is assisting as a fire analyst – Some manager training past couple weeks.

Eastern – Janis Hancock – trainings all complete, all went well, good number of attendees

Great Basin – NA from Western,

NoCal -

SoCal – at fire planners meeting

Northern Rockies – fire planner meeting

Northwest – SOP's from 2014 regarding protocols, are completed and will share them

Rocky Mountain – getting GA's together to talk about SOPs and consistency among the agencies, will get the training dates to Marlena

Southwest - NA

Southern – nothing to report, wet over most of the region, Will try to tie up the coordination with the GAEs (Caroline)

Next Call

- May 15th at 1300 MT
- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents
<http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/DecisionMakingforWildfireIncidents.pdf>