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## Wildland Fire Management RD&A

### GA Editor WEBINAR – February 20, 2014 – 1300 MST

#### Agenda Items

**Roll Call** – Andrew Bailey, Brett Fay, Doug Havalina, Gwenan Poirier, Harold Riggs, Janet Passeck, Jesse Duhnkrack, John Barborinas, Larry Hood, Rick Stratton, Shari Miller, Morgan Pence, Marlena Hovorka, Lisa Elenz, Stu Hoyt, Dorothy Albright, Ryan Whiteaker, Robert LaPlant, Brian Sorbel, Jason Loomis, Carolyn Noble, Cody Wienk, Harold Riggs, James Newman, Jhen Rawling, Ken Schmid, Mark Grupe, Marsha Henderson, Michael Boomer, Ben Butler.

#### **WFDSS Updates –Marlena / Mitch**

- Release Info – last week, a lot of updates that will come into place with IRWIN
  - Demo and Q/A at end of call- *here is link to the release notes:*  
[https://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/wfdss\\_news\\_411\\_release.shtml](https://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/wfdss_news_411_release.shtml)
  - Explain purpose of new 'Prescribed' and 'Other' options on the Information page
    - Can only pass Wildfires to IRWIN, NO complexes can be passed as IRWIN, if folks enter complexes they will be called "OTHER"
  - WFDSS 101 lessons being updated to match latest release - Jhen Rawling is assisting Diane to update the IRWIN changes in addition to the Relative Complexity Analysis
  - If you have questions about IRWIN you can call Marlena
- How 209s will handle complexes
  - Umbrella incident – this will be the larger incident and then other "child" fires will be under the overarching incident
- UCD Review update – received feedback yesterday, will move forward with second phase move to potential upgrades,
  - Application needs to move to new hardware, so lots of modifications in the background in order to move forward with the recommended changes.

Training overview Marlena provide at end of call:

- Request and account page, there is information in there as to who to contact if you are a nonfederal person
- USGS imagery – Base layer has been updated
- Incident information – greyed out areas of the fields will indicate as to where the data is being pulled from so if updates are needed the data will need to be updated in the parent system
- GA editor can update the other information section regarding point of Origin
- Relative Risk – New RCA charts – look at low moderate and high and count the rankings accordingly providing a sum to the ONA

#### **Training**

- Please send your training dates to Marlena
  - We're not snooping but it is so we aren't doing a release at the same time, or planned outages, or even if there are going to be numerous folks on the system we can beef up the servers if needed so it doesn't crash the system



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- Query GAEs: what trainings/refreshers are happening in your areas in regards to risk assessment for line officers?
  - New risk complexity analysis didn't get distributed very well through the NWCG channels – there are still a lot of folks that don't know this is out there
  - We are working on who is getting memo completed so it can either come out via the Gage/NIMO and the WFM RD&A/Program Manager
    - The impact is going to be at the Initial Attack IC this information needs to be conveyed to the local units
    - There is some confusion on the interpretation of the Relative Complexity Analysis
    - BLM put a cover letter to the NWCG Memo
      - Gwenan will send this out
    - NPS also put a cover letter together – Jesse will forward this to RD&A
  - Any specific trainings geared to line officers that the GAE's are aware of? We were looking for training in addition to the NIMO training that is being put on
    - FS training in R4 at end of March
    - California – WFDSS updates at Regional training
    - SW – March 6 WFDSS update and additional updates as needed
    - R1 – Training second week of April – will do 1 day for risk, still working out the training
    - March 4 – R2 training – NIMO
    - R9 no known training at this time

### Geospatial Data – Andrew

- FMU Data Standard Updates
  - FMU standards document – updated to include strategic shapes – how to format data
- FMU Updated Schedule for 2014 – first round of data will be coming in Monday Feb 24th
  - Next update will be coming in May, BLM is wanting another update sometime between now and the end of May
  - Refresh plan has been posted, if you have questions give Andrew a call
    - Communication towers
    - Predictive service area
- Fuel Treatment Polygons
  - By the agencies at the end of March, each of the bureaus is passing the information over to us
- Other Data Updates
  - Anyone approached us about linking to the NWS KMZ file for spot forecast information? No one has but we will investigate this option

### Review Action Items- Morgan

- Item 14-1-is on hold for UCD review
- Item 14-2- Landscan data looking at what population says about those areas
  - This is a national data layer, so better building cluster data



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- Has data for every pixel in the country ie: county, tribal etc.
- More thorough coverage
- This data is not so good for AK because they did the analysis during the summer – hence no night time lights.
- Item 14-3- ONA location easier in WFDSS – On hold for UCD review
- Item 14-4- Investigate ways to inform fire behavior users how actions can affect WFDSS decision, will get update from Tonja at a later date
- Item 14-5, Investigate ways to help users understand the DOA template – will look at this next month
- Item 13-1- Security requirements and access for non-fed users –acknowledge this, this is a larger issue than just WFDSS
- Item 13-2- Organizational Needs Assessment – incorporated in WFDSS Marlena will give a demonstration, marked complete and moved to bottom of list
- Item 13-14, a list of items from 2013 GAEs have brought up to consider change and are on hold until after the UCD review.
- Item 14-6- Exporting DOA template, on list for next change board discussion
- Two new Action Items were added
  - 14-9, assigned to Lisa, to post the NPS and BLM cover letters regarding the NWCG RCA memo to RDA website and to inquire about FS producing a similar letter
  - 14-10, assigned to Marlena to look into adding the NWS spot weather KMZ to WFDSS

### GA Editor Feedback - All

Northwest - NA

No Cal – security stuff is very messy, especially for FS, non federal users are supposed to access the website etc but this is behind the fire wall.

SoCal – see No Cal

Northern Rockies – some training and workshops dates to be determined and will let us know.

- April 22,23 BLM line officer training

Great Basin - NA

Rocky Mountain - NA

Southwest – Harold - cleaning up duplicative users, Nancy – changes in system didn't allow the ONA charts to go into the decision

Eastern - training scheduled Feb 25, March 5,

Southern – Carolyn – Not aware of any training in Southern area – Landscan data has been adopted by the southern area

Alaska – Bryan – working on a better land management data base-will get that to Ben and Andrew when it is completed, would like something by fire season – likely won't have it to RD&A by the March Deadlines but RD&A will work with them to get that information into the database.

### Action Items / Follow Up

- Next call, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1300 MT



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- Please complete the WFDSS Survey  
[https://docs.google.com/a/firenet.gov/forms/d/1nm5OnHTixjZ2R8OUmQLa\\_hFnwa1zkhXmrMX6IfqS8c/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/firenet.gov/forms/d/1nm5OnHTixjZ2R8OUmQLa_hFnwa1zkhXmrMX6IfqS8c/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>