

GA Editor WEBINAR – July 21, 2016 – 1300 MT

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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:

Alaska: ☐ Doug Alexander ☐ Peter Butteri ☒ Kathryn Pyne ☒ Brian Sorbel ☒ Tom St. Clair ☐ Dan Warthin ☐ Zeke Ziel ☐ Jason Dollard

Eastern: ☐ Brian Bischof ☐ Steven Goldman ☐ Raymond Parrish ☐ Greg Peterson ☐ Cody Wienk

Great Basin: ☐ Michael Boomer ☐ Mesia Nyman ☒ Jeremy Sisneros

NorCal: ☐ Jennifer Anderson ☒ Jason Fallon ☐ Yvonne Jones ☐ Jessica Wade ☐ Jason Loomis

SoCal: ☐ Phil Bowden ☐ Mark Grupe ☒ James Newman ☒ Amy Ziegler (detailed)

Northern Rockies: ☐ Nikia Hernandez ☐ Kim Kelly ☐ Ken Schmid ☒ Rich Sterry ☐ Brenda Wilmore ☐ Jacquie Parks (detailed)

Northwest: ☐ Brett Fay ☒ Craig Goodell ☐ Jason Loomis ☐ Michael Powell ☒ Rick Stratton

Rocky Mountain: ☐ Richard Gustafson ☐ Mark Nelson ☒ Gwenan Poirier ☐ Rocco Snart ☐ Nathan Williamson

Southwest: ☒ John Cervante ☐ Bil Grauel ☐ Kenneth Jaramillo ☒ Mark Pater ☒ Harold Riggs ☐ Lisa Bye

Southern: ☒ Reeve Armstrong ☐ Clint Cross ☐ Missy Forder ☐ Jon Wallace

Non-GAEs that periodically attend: ☐ Kristy Swartz ☐ Russ Babiak ☒ Jesse Duhnkrack ☐ Justin Boeck (detailed)

RDA Staff: ☒ Andrew Bailey ☐ Ben Butler ☐ Caroline Noble ☐ Dan Mindar ☒ Lisa Elenz ☐ Erin Noonan-Wright ☐ Mark Hale ☒ Marlena Hovorka ☒ Kim Ernstrom ☒ Mitch Burgard ☒ Morgan Pence ☒ Diane Rau ☐ Sam Amato ☐ Tami Parkinson ☐ Tonja Opperman ☐ Reggie Goolsby ☐ Tim Sexton ☒ Bri Schueller

Note taker: Diane Rau

- Notes and Action Items posted [here](#)

Attachments:

- Action Items

Agenda Items:

General- Morgan Pence

- Welcome new GAEs: Amy Ziegler (detailed) FS California, Jason Dollard BIA Alaska
- [Calendar Review](#)
- Reminder comments/feedback regarding Action item 15-2, in which the task group is recommending to rescind NWCG memo 012-2011 and include some of that info in the WFDSS Help and rescind memo 005-2012 and make edits to Redbook Chapter 11 are due to Peter



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Butteri and Gwenan Poirier by the end of July. See email sent by Morgan on 6/16/16 with attachments for the suggested edits to the WFDSS Help and Redbook Ch. 11.

- WFDSS Incident Groups and Decisions document as a result of Action item 15-9 was sent on June 22. Please review the document, which was approved by the NWCG, and send comments/feedback to Morgan Pence.
- In the fall, the Complexes and Merges task group was created. That group completed a report that the NWCG accepted as final in May but no memo was sent documenting that the paper was formally accepted. Sean Peterson, Andrew and Elaine Waterbury are drafting the memo, which should be out in August. The RD&A's related portion of work was the creation of the WFDSS Incident Group and Decisions document, mentioned above.

RDA Program Manager- Tim Sexton

Emerging Issues- All Call Participants

- LTAN/FBAN UTFs- Kim Ernstrom: Kim's been getting calls from teams and folks looking to order LTANs, FBANs, etc. The guidance has been to go through ROSS rather than phone a friend but when orders are placed, they are getting UTFs right off the bat, even in June when lots of folks should be available. Request from Kim for GAEs to pass on to folks to make themselves available in ROSS. Teams want to include these positions but they are not showing available.

General- Lisa Elenz

- <nothing here>

WFDSS Quick Tip – Ben Butler <not here but Morgan can jump in>

- Using Incident History (Show Details) to see updates to a fire from other applications via IRWIN. Can log into IRWIN Observer to see which applications made the changes if there is a need. Morgan demonstrated how WFDSS interacts with IRWIN by navigating to the Incident Information page in WFDSS, and then clicking the Incident History menu option to view timestamps. Clicking the Show Details button shows everything. You can also change the number of rows to assist with scrolling. When the User column displays as IRWIN, it means the element came over via IRWIN.
- Incident Groups tab refresher- how it works/what it does: When you navigate to the incident groups tab, you see a whole list of groups. If owner name is IRWIN, it is a complex. You can view all incident names in group, and can access decisions for each incident. The document sent out towards end of June (WFDSS Incident Groups and Decisions document mentioned above) talks about the different types of groups.

WFDSS Updates - Mitch Burgard & Marlena Hovorka

- WFDSS Update: Outages are being posted, usually early in AM. Also tracking on GAE call and in system messages. If anyone has problems, let Marlena or Mitch know.
 - Mitch Burgard sent email to WFDSS users yesterday. After last GAE call, there was an issue with saving analysis images into a decision from the dropdown lists on the vertical tabs. That got fixed this week. Work around no longer necessary, screen captures no longer needed.



- Users can now include up to 80 incidents in a group now. You can also transfer public groups to anyone in the system. Public or private, users can transfer either.
- Cautions/things to be aware of; analyses are occasionally returning failures. Typically images aren't displaying or analysts are getting the 'nothing burned' failure. For this second one, if you run it again it works just fine. 3-5 min wait will jiggle wires free. If workaround doesn't work, let them know.
- Image processing issues are also affecting publishing of decisions occasionally. Users try submitting a decision for review and after 30 min or so, it fails. Decision doesn't actually become 'reviewable'; as a result, the approver never sees the approve/reject decision button and doesn't get an email. If the approver can't see the button, but gets an email, direct them to access the decision through the link in the email. We've seen success with that option.
- Brian Sorbel asked if we could include layer files for model outputs, no .lyr file available currently. The zip file should optimally contain it. In the meantime, the action item for Andrew and Ben is to produce generic layer files that can be used as workaround and posted on wfdss webpage. They would also be distributed on the GAE call, Wildland Fire Lessoned Learned GIS community, and NWCG geospatial Subcommittee. Pertaining to a layer file for outputs.
- Recent WFDSS issues have been rough on users but MH and MB are working closely with new contractor to get them up to speed.
- Frequently received Helpdesk questions: lots of feedback regarding IRWIN—occasional duplicates from IRWIN occur. Users are still learning how to change fields when dispatch has control.
- If additional modeling issues arise before the next call, contact Mitch or Marlena.

IRWIN Status – Andrew Bailey

- IRWIN Status: As covered above, there are occasional duplicate incidents. Sometimes fires haven't linked correctly but reset can clear those up. Morgan showed function of grouping out of IRWIN and that is working good.
 - Integrated Exchange Applications Powered by IRWIN (IDEAS) group report out- Gwenan Poirier GAE Rep: on a recent BLM fire planning call, a demo of IRWIN Observer was recorded. She will share link. Folks may find it helpful, more helpful than basic user guide.
 - An IRWIN summit in Boise scheduled for September; not sure who audience should be, will share when they find out. Lessons learned site has documents related to it---such as what system is feeding what etc, esp when WILDCAD check box is checked and other apps become authoritative over WILDCAD.
 - Clarification to GAEs about the IRWIN observer and what it is; it's a place you can login to see incident information pass between the systems such as WILDCAD, FIRECODE, 209, WFDSS etc. If something gets updated for an incident, you can see what system it got updated in. About two months ago, info was sent out including basic user guide and how to get account. Andrew demonstrated the Observer; in the upper left panel, you can see a real time list of what's been updated and when, you can customize filter too. You can view statistical information in bottom left, bottom right is graph of activity during a day, and top right is map display. You can search for an incident and view



specific information about it. You read it left to right, most recent actions to furthest in past. Blue is stuff that changes, grey fields haven't changed. You can see what system is authoritative for each element. IRWIN observer is data-centric, not application-centric. Anyone in fire can get a login.

- NOTE: IR perimeters do not go into IRWIN. Those acreages are entered manually. Inciweb is not tied into IRWIN either. Containment percentages and acreage discrepancies result occasionally. Two helpdesk questions related to this recently, something to be heads up about.

Geospatial Data – Andrew Bailey/Ben Butler

- [FMU/Strategic Objective Shapes update](#): deadline for FMU shape submission was July 20th, working with developer and hoping to have it available in system by Aug 3. We tried for an FMU update between May and July but it didn't work. Too much going on in system at the time.
- Data Refresh for July, current plan for contractor: Top priority is BLM mgmt. requirements for sage grouse layer and AK mgmt. requirements. Timeline to achieve work is three weeks from today.
- Once FMUs are in (early August) and more time is available then we will discuss adding more building clusters.
- Get data in to Agency GIS lead by sept 28th for next round of FMU updates
- WFDSS jurisdictional agency data and planned update

WFDSS Spatial Fire Planning- Mark Hale

- Mark available to answer questions during call or offline as needed

Review Action Items- Morgan Pence

We have a lot of new Action Items, that combined with carry over ones, will be too many to discuss all on every call. I will rotate which ones to hit on each month. If I don't hit on one someone thinks we should for a given month just let me know. Suggested for this month are the following:

- 15-10, About Incident Objectives being required to publish a decision: opinions split on this one. Nothing new to report.
- 15-9, about Incident Groups and decisions: this was addressed, as we increased the number of incidents a group could accept, and we modified sharing privileges for both public and private groups. Send feedback for the WFDSS Incident Group and Decisions document to Morgan. Hyperlinking to decisions and many other things will be discussed when WFDSS development begins again.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska: Peter out with team, Kathryn is covering for him.
- Eastern: NA
- Great Basin: Jeremy- minor issue, submitted decision for review and it locked up, worked with Mitch earlier to resolve.
- NorCal: nothing to report



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- SoCal: nothing to report
- Northern Rockies: NA
- Northwest: RS, nothing to report, currently quiet
- Rocky Mountain: GP nothing to add. Sean McEldery and Mark Hale in Wyoming as of yesterday.
- Southwest: USFS/Harold Riggs, nothing much, slowly winding down fire season. Mark Pater, assisting with some decisions and that's it.
- Southern: NA

Next Call

- Aug. 18th at 1300 MT

Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

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- Active incident decision and analysis support: All NFDSC personnel, best to contact On Call Coordinator (208) 473-8107
- IFTDSS: Caroline Noble and Kim Ernststrom carolinelnoble@fs.fed.us, kim_ernstrom@nps.gov
- GAE call management: Morgan Pence morganpence@fs.fed.us
- When in doubt contact Lisa Elenz: lelenz@fs.fed.us

References

Reference and Guidance from www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov page

- Incident Objectives project
 - Briefing paper
 - Past Presentations
- Risk Assessment
 - Strategic Level Risk Assessments for Fire Behavior Specialists - WFDSS YouTube Channel
- Example Decisions
 - Gold Pan
 - Salt Springs
- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents
 - GTR
- WFDSS Related Documents
 - Wildland Fire Management Risk and Complexity Assessment



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- Complexing Fire Decision Documentation
 - Data Sharing Between Incident Tracking and Reporting Systems
- Wildland Fire Decision Support Tools
- Other References
 - NWCG Risk and Complexity Assessment
 - NWCG Official Memos

[GA Editor Resources](#) from www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov page

- [GAE Reference Guide](#)

[Line Officer Resources](#) from www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov page

- Line Officer Guide
 - Leaders Intent Documentation
 - Line Officer Guide and Templates
- Forest Service Agency Administrator Coach/Shadow Program
 - AA Certification Guide
 - Pathways Diagram
 - USFS Learning Action Plan
 - USFS AA Hubbard Memo
- Incident Objectives Project
- WFDSS Refresher Training Recommendations for AA's
- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents - GTR
- USFS Fire Response Protocols

"What Fire Behavior Specialists Need to Know About WFDSS" posted under the [Modeling Learning Resources](#) on the "WFDSS Training" page.

"What You Need to Know About WFDSS" posted under the [Decision Learning Resources](#) on the "WFDSS training" page.