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## Wildland Fire Management RD&A

### GA Editor WEBINAR – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### Role Call:

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

**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

**SoCal:** ☐ Phil Bowden ☐ Mark Grupe ☐ James Newman ☐ Jan Rea

**Northern Rockies:** ☐ Nikia Hernandez ☐ Kim Kelly ☐ Robert LaPlant ☐ Shari Miller ☒ Pat Phillips ☐ 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

**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

Others: Tara Umphries

**Note taker:** Tami Parkinson

#### Attachments:

- Action Items

#### Agenda Items:

##### General- Morgan Pence

- Welcome new GAEs: Lisa Bye (BLM SW), Jacquie Parks (Detailed FS NR)
  - Jacquie is detailing behind Shari Miller
- Agenda includes GAEs by location of profiles in WFDSS Production
- Calendar Review
  - A few items for the month of June, nothing listed at this time for July
  - Morgan will plan to review the calendar on the calls to share various trainings and coordination can occur as needed



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- Send WFDSS Training dates to Marlena or Morgan
- Backup Paper WFDSS updated and posted:  
[http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/reference\\_&\\_guidance.php](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/reference_&_guidance.php) as a fillable pdf:  
[http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/Reference\\_Materials/WFDSS\\_Paper\\_Form\\_2016.pdf](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/Reference_Materials/WFDSS_Paper_Form_2016.pdf)
- Please bookmark this link for future reference as needed.

### **RDA Program Manager- Tim Sexton**

- NA

### **Emerging Issues- All Call Participants**

- NA

### **General- Lisa Elenz**

- 2016 Line Officer Webinars-status of posting
  - These files should be hosted up by the end of the week
  - Approximately 150 folks attended the refreshers
  - [http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/line\\_officer\\_resources.php](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/line_officer_resources.php)
  - People who couldn't attend can download the presentations off of this site
- DOA/Leader's intent template draft material status
  - Delegation Letter, Leaders Intent, Briefing Package are ready to be hosted and tested this summer
  - If you have units who will test drive the materials this field season it would be appreciated
  - We are planning to provide recommendations to the Redbook for 2017 based on the feedback we receive this field season.
- Incident Benefit's analysis
  - Fire season 2016, a group of SOPLs, LTAN's, Planning Section and others who were assigned to the Clark Fork Complex helped come up with a benefits analysis process
  - Assessing Fire Risks and Benefits at the Incident Risk
  - Used the wildfire risk framework from Joe Scott
  - Tonja has put together a short video explaining this process, there is also some supporting documentation for others to incorporate this work in 2017

### **WFDSS Quick Tip – Ben Butler**

- None this month

### **WFDSS Updates - Mitch Burgard & Marlena Hovorka**

- Contract status
  - Data layers are being uploaded right now
  - No major changes but we are updating some user friendliness with groups
- Frequently received Helpdesk questions
  - Reminder on what to do if decision in Review and need to have a different approver



- If you have already initiated the approval process and you need to change the approver you will need to reject the decision (put in the documentation as to why the decision is being rejected), then add the appropriate approval after the decision has been rejected that will allow a person to reinitiate the process for completing the decision.
- Adding analysis to a decision using the drop down menu in the default editor
  - Something is broken in production although it is working in training, it isn't automatically pulling it into the decision
  - A work around is doing a screen capture and uploading it to the decision

### IRWIN Status – Andrew Bailey

- IRWIN Status
  - Version 3 is up and running at this time
  - FireStat is coming on board and reading data from IRWIN this year
- Gwenan feedback
  - IRWIN is encouraging all to get an account with IRWIN observer, there is a write up on how to request an account
  - A document exists on how to use IRWIN observer and some of the functionality
  - IRWIN has a community on the Lessons Learned Center
  - Gwenan will share this information with Morgan so she can send this out to the group

### Geospatial Data – Andrew Bailey/Ben Butler

- FMU/Strategic Objective Shapes update
  - Alaska jurisdictional and Alaska fire management options data, this is top priority
  - Sage Grouse habitat data (replacing existing 2014 WFDSS layer with 2016 data to ensure alignment with data used in conjunction with Secretarial Order) will become next priority once the data are prepped by WFM RD&A.
  - BLM Sage-Grouse management requirements and AK statewide management requirements will become next highest priority once the data are prepped by WFM RD&A.
  - Remaining data, lowest priority, are USFS Buildings, BLM Admin Boundaries, BLM Horse and Burro Layer, TNC Lands, BLM Range Allotments, NPS Admin Boundaries, USFS Admin Boundaries, USFWS Admin Boundaries FMU time – waiting on a few of the updates still, need to receive the data
- Data Refresh
  - May FMU update expected to be ready in WFDSS by June 1 as scheduled. Next scheduled data load is July. Data expected by RD&A by 7/20/16, recommended to get data to agency fire GIS lead by 7/13. Data will be in WFDSS 7/27.
  - FMU Update schedule:  
[http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/FMU\\_Update\\_Sched.html?](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/FMU_Update_Sched.html?)

### 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:

- 14-5 and 14-6, About DOA template
  - This will be coming out soon, it is in a Draft format for testing this field season
- 15-3, about non-fed WFDSS use impacts on GAEs
  - Haven't been able to find the supporting documentation
- 15-9, about incident groups and decisions
  - Document in process to help provide some guidance to the field, trying to resolve some wording issues for clarity
- 15-12, about FBS role and GSAN/LTAN duties/skills
  - Discussed some of the differences with the Fire Behavior Subcommittee and S-495 steering committee
  - A white paper is going to be written to explain the positions, and requirements for the positions
    - This document will help explain the roles of each of the positions and how they differ which should help guide expectations for each of these positions if they are supporting GAE's or other entities.
    - GSAN's are expected to give briefings LTAN's are expected to have these skills and know the different audiences and needs of the audience
    - Although a GSAN qualification is automatically given post 495, when a person is granted the Fire Behavior Specialist role in WFDSS there is no way to monitor currency in WFDSS
    - This document will be coming out from the Fire Behavior Subcommittee
- 15-16, status of backup paper WFDSS
  - This is updated and available on the WFM RD&A website
- 15-18, status of FS Line Officer Desk Reference
  - This is available and was emailed out to the group by Morgan a few weeks back

## Round Robin:

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

- Alaska: NA
- Eastern: On a learning curve, had a Type 2 incident a few weeks ago, working on a few summary projects to help people work through the decision process faster with minimal agony, infrequent use of decision products causes agony when an incident does start.
- Great Basin: NA
- NorCal: WFDSS refreshers, will share the dates with Morgan, NPS centric, providing some guidance on WFDSS
- SoCal: NA
- Northern Rockies: NA
- Northwest: spatial fire planning is going well only a few more units to finish up, Thanks to Shari Miller she will be missed



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- Rocky Mountain: Training is occurring, good discussions regarding spatial fire planning, lots of moisture in Rocky Mountain area, which is good with the ongoing transitions
- Southwest: another fire season like last year is what it is looking like
- Southern: NA

### Next Call

- June 16th at 1300 MT

### Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

- WFDSS Enhancements/Releases: Mitch Burgard and Marlana Hovorka [mburgard@fs.fed.us](mailto:mburgard@fs.fed.us), [mhovorka@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhovorka@fs.fed.us)
- WFDSS Data: Andrew Bailey and Ben Butler [Andrew\\_bailey@nps.gov](mailto:Andrew_bailey@nps.gov), [bbutler@fs.fed.us](mailto:bbutler@fs.fed.us)
- WFDSS Role Issues: National Editors, Lisa Elenz, Mitch Burgard, and Marlana Hovorka [lelenz@fs.fed.us](mailto:lelenz@fs.fed.us), [mburgard@fs.fed.us](mailto:mburgard@fs.fed.us), [mhovorka@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhovorka@fs.fed.us)
- IRWIN WFDSS liaison: Andrew Bailey [Andrew\\_bailey@nps.gov](mailto:Andrew_bailey@nps.gov)
- WFDSS Spatial Fire Planning: Mark Hale, Marlana Hovorka, Diane Rau [mahale@fs.fed.us](mailto:mahale@fs.fed.us), [mhovorka@fs.fed.us](mailto:mhovorka@fs.fed.us), [dianerau@fs.fed.us](mailto:dianerau@fs.fed.us)
- WFDSS Help Content and Training Resources: Diane Rau [dianerau@fs.fed.us](mailto:dianerau@fs.fed.us)
- 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](mailto:carolinelnoble@fs.fed.us), [kim\\_ernstrom@nps.gov](mailto:kim_ernstrom@nps.gov)
- GAE call management: Morgan Pence [morganpence@fs.fed.us](mailto:morganpence@fs.fed.us)
- When in doubt contact Lisa Elenz: [lelenz@fs.fed.us](mailto:lelenz@fs.fed.us)

### References

[Reference and Guidance](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov) from [www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov](http://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
  - Complexing Fire Decision Documentation
  - Data Sharing Between Incident Tracking and Reporting Systems
- Wildland Fire Decision Support Tools



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- Other References
  - NWCG Risk and Complexity Assessment
  - NWCG Official Memos

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

- [GAE Reference Guide](#)

[Line Officer Resources](#) from [www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov](http://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.