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## **GA Editor WEBINAR – Feb. 18<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**

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**Note taker: Tami Parkinson**

### **Attachments:**

- Deep Dive Data Webinar info
- AA/Line Officer refresher Webinar dates
- Optional Strategy Slider results
- Action Items

### **Agenda Items**

#### **General- Morgan Pence**

- Welcome new GAE Rocco Snart, State of Colorado
- Using outlook calendar invites for this call?
  - this likely won't work due to the interagency calendars not talking very well, Morgan will continue sending the invites/agenda in the same manner as previously
- Next month's call and 590, is there a conflict?
  - No conflict this will be held as planned
- Send us your WFDSS and Fire Behavior SOPs (email to Morgan).
  - This is to share with the WFM RD&A and so it can be shared with other GAE's as needed or as mobilization occurs

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

- Outreach for a detailer through the primary field season
- Stay tuned on formal outreach notification

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

- NA

#### **General- Lisa Elenz**

- DOA/Leaders intent (Action Items 14-5/14-6)

- A concise package of materials is ready for review, this will be sent out soon. Feedback is welcomed and hoping some units will test drive the materials this summer.
  - Hoping to make changes to the Redbook for 2017 after testing this field season
- AA/Line officer webinars March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Two short webinars
    - One as an overview, refresher
    - Second you are a line officer where should you spend your time when learning or working in WFDSS
- Fire Example:
  - Some feedback received - we are incorporating this feedback in to the document, the newest version will be dated on the document itself in addition to the link on the website will have the latest date.

### **WFDSS Quick Tip – Ben Butler**

- My Relevant Incidents
  - Risk Tables - you will see them from the Assessment Tab
    - Include these into the actual decision
  - There is also a new Requirements Menu pop out that occurs on the right hand side of the screen.

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

- Status of WFDSS contract transition
  - Criterion was officially awarded the contract,
    - Providing the O and M side of the application
    - IBM was extended to due some O am M work, 508 work, software updates that needed to be complete
    - Shadowing IBM to learn the application through April, Formal takeover is May 1
    - Trying to get some development enhancements in the que BUT they will not occur until the fall after the field season
- Frequently received helpdesk questions
  - Nothing really to report, pretty quiet still
- Continue to provide feedback on how to update/improve WFDSS despite not having the ability to do enhancements until the fall
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### **IRWIN Status – Andrew Bailey**

- Status
  - Winding down IRWIN development phase for 2016
  - Integration testing event in SLC Early February

- 80 instances of issues they were able to fix or become aware of
  - WFDSS should be done this time around
  - IRWIN release team has been asked to attend the Dispatch workshops
    - Prineville, Wenatchee and SE area to assist with development hardware and testing
    - Any questions please direct this too Andrew
  - March 30 version 3 will go live
- Volunteers for IRWIN User Community Group
  - Data exchanges user group
    - To help fix/identify projects
    - Would like 2 volunteers from a WFDSS perspective,
      - **Need 1 volunteer** from this group as a minimum

### Geospatial Data – Andrew Bailey/Ben Butler

- FMU/Strategic Objective shapes update
  - Received 7 different data sets
  - Off to IBM by the 24<sup>th</sup> of February
  - March 16 is the next due date to have information to Ben/Andrew... remember your agency GIS person will have an earlier due date
- Data refresh for February
  - 3 additional data layers updated
    - Wilderness, critical habitat, administrative boundaries, buildings, fuel treatments and roads
- Deep Dive webinars, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1300 MT and March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1000 MT
  - 103 folks have registered thus far... 1 ½ in length
  - People should have gotten an email with the information

- Option One

Thursday, February 25th at 13:00-14:30 Mountain Time

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/479385242846340353>

- Option Two

Thursday, March 3rd at 10:00-12:00 Mountain Time

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/479385242846340353>

Please note:

On the registration page you will need to use the drop down to choose the date/time you would like.

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### 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.

- 31-1: Security/Access -
  - Firenet is potentially going to give relief but that is still a long term goal

- 14-5/14-6: DOA/Leaders Intent and WFDSS
  - Lisa updated previously on the call
- 15-3: Usage of states in WFDSS
  - In progress the data fields within SQL weren't allowing us to pull the data in a useable manner
- 15-4: Strategy Slider in WFDSS- complete
  - Morgan sent this with the agenda, she will present this at the Portland Conference
- 15-6: AA Spring webinars
  - Identified the dates etc earlier in the call
- 15-12: FBS and ensuring the operation within their quals/ knowing what their quals are
  - Still discussing the concerns with the situation once a person completes 495 they automatically are given GSA qualifier - which is a tech specialist
  - More or a mentoring program is needed
  - What needs to be done from this point forward?
    - Building better awareness in the fire community
    - FBS/495 will follow up on where we need to go with this topic - GAE should be included within this discussion
- 15-14: AK ideas on CFDRS, response needed from RDA
  - In progress, on the list to work off of for next winter

**Purpose: share coordination opportunities, anticipated fire activity and trainings, share feedback from WFDSS users, etc.**

- Alaska: Agency Administrator training, 65 Strategic Objectives submitted, can they have a statewide strategic shape put into WFDSS that isn't overlapping - Yes will work with Andrew
- Eastern: NA
- Great Basin: na
- NoCal: na
- SoCal: NA
- Northern Rockies: Spatial fire planning updates
- Northwest: sitting good with spatial fire planning, looking forward to the 2 deep dive webinars
- Rocky Mountain: NA
- Southwest: Trying to get another GAE trained up
- Southern: NA

#### Next Call

- March 17<sup>th</sup> 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)
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- IRWIN WFDSS liaison: Andrew Bailey [Andrew\\_bailey@nps.gov](mailto:Andrew_bailey@nps.gov)
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- 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
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- When in doubt contact Lisa Elenz: [lelenz@fs.fed.us](mailto:lelenz@fs.fed.us)

## References

[Reference and Guidance](#) 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
- 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.