GAEs-
Below is our monthly correspondence

- General Info/Reminder

  - **Next month is a call month. The call is at 1300 Mountain Time on the 18th.** I will send out the Go-To-Webinar registration and agenda a few days before the call. If you have a topic you would like discussed please send to Morgan.

  - The 2019 Agency Admin Refresher Webinar was held March 14th, the recording is on the RDA's Decision Support Toolbox page.

  - Send in your unit's WFDSS refresher dates to Morgan. We will post to the GA & Training Calendar

  - Help spread the word to your units- keep your account password and contact information current. This includes your unit/agency in addition to your email and phone numbers.

  - Monthly reboot schedule- as a reminder monthly reboots of Training and Production are posted to the GA & Training calendar.

- NEW GAE Welcome

  - Karly DeMars (Montana BLM)

- Common Issues and resolution

  - This week (March 18th) we have had a number of issues on Training and Production relating to a required data conversion that occurred March 16th & 17th. We have been posting broadcast messages in the systems regarding the known issues to communicate with users. These urgent issues are being addressed.

  - Export/Import of Other Unit Shapes between Training and Production and v.s. Is not working. If a user would like to have their data moved from one environment to the other send in a Feedback stating which unit and from what environment and we can have the developers move the data behind the scenes until this bug is fixed.

  - MTBS data has not been functional for a while, we are in the process of working to establish connection with that data again.

  - Users should continue to report issues through Feedback.

- RDA Staffing

- o Rick Mowery is our new detailer filling in as vice-Marlena, he starts this week.

- o Tony Beauchaine started last payperiod as a detailer assisting the RDA with Data Management

- o We still have detailer Ian Rickert (vice-Hale) and detailer Shaniko Cowie (vice-Rau)

- WFDSS Update

  - o O&M

    - Next release will be April 24th and will only include IRWIN updates and changes relating to the next version of IRWIN.

  - o DME/Future

    - The Wildland Fire Management RD&A is collaborating with IT professionals to locate a scalable cloud hosting environment (hardware) for the fire models. This will result in more reliable and faster analyses for WFDSS and other applications. We are also working with consultants to plan out a WFDSS rebuild. The initial focus is on updating the IT infrastructure with the intent of improving the performance of the WFDSS application, enhancing stability, and utilizing updated technology. We are taking the initial steps to build a foundation for the future. There are many great ideas and suggestions that have been submitted to RD&A. Between these two efforts, we are expecting to be able to begin releasing some exciting enhancements to WFDSS in the coming years.

- IRWIN Status

  - o IRWIN 5.1 release has been pushed back to April 24th

- Geospatial Data

  - o The 2019 Data Refresh Plan has been updated and is available at this link:https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/WFDSS_DataRefreshPlan.pdf

  - o The data refresh plan is mostly caught up after the furlough. Our detailer, Tony Beauchaine, has been focused exclusively on the data refresh and we are on track to be ahead for April.

  - o FMU/Strategic Objective shapes that were received by agency fire GIS representatives by March 20th will be loaded into WFDSS by April 3rd.

  - o The next FMU/Strategic Objective shapes update opportunity is scheduled for April. Data are due to RD&A (Ben and Andrew) by April 17th.

- The FMU/SO Update schedule can be found at https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/SpatialData/Docs/FMU_Update_Sched.html

- Data refreshed for 2019 to date (1/1 – 3/20) include:

  - Fire Management Unit/Strategic Shape v51

  - Critical Habitat (line)

  - Critical Habitat (polygon)

  - TNC Lands

  - Fire WX Forecast Zones (1/31)

  - NPS Buildings

  - Wilderness Areas

  - Counties

  - NPS Admin Boundaries

  - USFS Admin Boundaries

  - USFS Buildings

  - Tennessee Building Clusters

  - National Scenic Trails

  - National Scenic Byways

  - National Recreation Trails

  - National Historic Trails

  - USFWS Admin Boundaries

  - BLM Wild Horse and Burro Herd Management Areas

  - BLM Grazing Allotments

  - BLM Admin Boundaries

  - Wilderness Study Areas

  - Other Designated Areas

- National Recreation Areas

- Inventoried Roadless Areas

o Planned data refresh activities for March/April include:

- Integrated Interagency Fuel Treatments

- BLM Oil/Gas Leases

- BLM Buildings

- Building Clusters

    - Refresh of New Mexico data

    - Refresh of Utah data

- Jurisdictional Agencies for Lower 48

    - Major update for state-owned lands and local jurisdictions for most western states (WA, OR, CA, ID, NV, AZ, NM, UT, and MT)

    - Using now-available PAD-US 2.0 data

- Fire Weather Zones (4/2)

- BIA Admin Boundaries

- 2018 Fire Perimeters

- Terrestrial and Aquatic Retardant Avoidance Zones

- Alaska Fire Management Options

- BLM Management Requirements