

GAEs – This is the monthly correspondence for September

General Info/Reminder

October is a call month. The call will begin at 1300 Mountain Time on Oct 17th.

The Go-To-Webinar invite will come out a few days in advance. If you have a topic you would like discussed please send to Morgan.

Any further proposed edits to the Fire Behavior Specialist Suggested Training and Prerequisites document (draft edits attached) are due to Morgan by Oct 1st. As a reminder, the RDA proposes 2 minor wording changes to the document created by GAEs in 2011

1. to address that Super Analyst and Fire Behavior Specialist have the same capacity since March of 2018 and signifies no additional training/skill
2. a clarification that users with roles greater than Viewer can run *Automated* Short Term.

WFDSS Update

Release went as planned Aug 28, followed by a second emergency patch Sept 4 to fix one unanticipated issue from 8/28. Mostly bug fixes

Links to Fire Weather Forecasts updated for Northwest AK and North Slope
AK Fire Weather Zones

Ensured that the download button for the planning area on the situation map
always downloads the most current planning area

Minor bug fixes relating to Creating and Editing of Reports and Report
Templates

Restored ability to convert unit planning process from Fire Management Units
(FMU) to Spatial Fire Planning (SFP)

Repaired Hard Drive permissions issues that prohibited the import/export of
Fire Planning Data between Training and Production.

Changes in the way Decisions are downloaded for Incident Groups

Restricted the use of some special characters in Analysis Names (specifically
apostrophes ‘ and backslash \) that were capable of creating other errors
within the system. (Language added on “Create Analysis” page. Actual
character restriction implemented in Chrome Browser. Restriction in
Internet Explorer expected next release)

MTBS layers display again in Disturbance History, 2016 Burn Severity added

Next release planned for October 23 to fix more bugs; focus is on those that impact
the classroom portion S-495 in November

Monthly maintenance patching/reboots - Expect the system to be offline for
approximately 1 hr

WFDSS Production 10/7 approx 0400 MDT

WFDSS Training 10/9 approx 2200 MDT

We post the reboots on the [GA& Training Calendar](#).

The Next Generation of WFDSS is still in the very early planning phase. We will share more information as it becomes available.

RDA Staffing updates

Barry Kleckler and Jon Reick details to end Sept 28th

Jonathan Olsen and Monique Wynecoop begin 120 days vice Pence and Noonan-Wright

Jonathan begins 9/30

Monique begins 10/14

Toneona Christon began working this month as an intern with RDA in partnership with the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) National Internship Program.

IRWIN Status

IRWIN Version 6.0 has been rescheduled for March 2020.

WFDSS will require updates to address potential conflicts as IRWIN 6.0 will no longer be clearing conflicts automatically once they have been resolved.

Geospatial Data

The next FMU/Strategic Objective shapes update opportunity is scheduled for Nov 6th. The FMU/SO Update schedule can be found [here](#)

Datasets refreshed since the last update include:

Sept. FMU/SO shapes

Fire Weather Zones

Aquatic Fire Retardant Avoidance Areas

Responsible Agencies (AK, CA, ID)

Jurisdictional Agencies

Campgrounds

USFWS Trails

USFS Trails

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Electric Sub Stations

Transmission Lines

Power Plants

Sage Grouse Habitat.

Datasets still in the works/on hold due to issues: Oil and Gas pipelines, Suppression Difficulty Index

Vice Andrew still in the works