

GAEs- Below is our Monthly Correspondence for August

General Info/Reminder

Attached is the “Suggested Training and Prerequisites for the Fire Behavior Specialist Role in WFDSS” document created by the GAEs in 2011. The RDA has made 2 minor wording changes

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.

The edits are in the track changes and a comment box. If any GAE has concerns about these edits please contact Morgan Pence by October 1, 2019.

The next GAE call/webinar will be October 17, 1300 MDT, the invitation will be sent out a few days prior to the call

Past correspondence as well as helpful information can be found on the GA Editor Resources page [here](#)

NEW GAE Welcome

Josh O’Connor (NW, USFWS)

John Mosley (Nor/So CA, BIA)

Common Issues and Resolution

Perimeter Deletion fixed, users can now remove unwanted perimeters or those created in error.

MTBS layers are working again. The layers are displayed through a service and are not created or stored by WFDSS.

RDA Staffing Changes

Wes Hall started 7/22 for 120 days, he is working on the Operations and Maintenance of WFDSS

Kurt Kirkpatrick started 7/22 for 120 days vice Dan Mindar. Kurt is also WFDSS Geospatial Data help while Andrew Bailey is out as acting BLM National Fire Planner.

Joe Flores started 8/5 for 60 days-120 days (TBD)

WFDSS Update

Operations and Maintenance

We are planning for a release on Aug. 28th to fix quite a few bugs

As a reminder when we have a release WFDSS will go offline for 1-2 hours at 0400 Mountain. We will post broadcast messages prior to the release so any user in the system at the time will know.

After the release we will update the [Known Issues](#) document to reflect fixed bugs and respond to users that reported them as appropriate.

§ Separate from the release we are also tracking to fix the permissions issue that has prevented

the import/export of planning process to work correctly.

- We recently received approval from FAMIT to allow the Production and Training drives to again share data.
- The application will be offline August 20th from approximately 0200-0400 so these changes can be applied.

§ Monthly maintenance/patching reboots. Expect the application to be offline for about 1 hour

- WFDSS Production 9/9 at 0400 MDT
- WFDSS Training 9/11 at 2200 MDT
- We post the reboots on the [GA& Training Calendar](#).

Next Gen Update

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

IRWIN Status

Integration testing for Version 6 was held the week of August 5th. V6 includes resource (IROC) data and has little to no impact on WFDSS at this time.

In the Aug. 28th release of WFDSS there will be a change with respect to IRWIN

WFDSS will continue to not ingest incident type of “Other” upon creation from IRWIN BUT WFDSS will be changing to now continue to receive updates for Wildfire incidents that get to WFDSS but then later become type “Other”. This is being done to ensure WFDSS stays in sync with IRWIN for those incidents that inadvertently changed to Other and then back again to a Wildfire.

Additionally three IRWIN related bugs are scheduled to be fixed with the release.

Geospatial Data

Vice Andrew still TBD

The next FMU/Strategic Objective shapes update opportunity is scheduled for Sept. 11th. The FMU/SO Update schedule can be found [here](#)

MT, NM, UT Building Clusters fixed and updated in Production and Training
7/25/2019

Terrestrial Fire Retardant Avoidance Areas updated in Production and Training on
7/22/2019

Historical Wildfires updated in Production and Training on 8/7/2019