

## Annual GAE AAR

Attendees: Amy Ziegler, Andrew Bailey, Barbara Knieling, Ben Curtis, Brian Sorbel, Cary Newman, Gwenan Poirier, Jeff Shelton, Jennifer Barnes, Karly DeMars, Katherine Hetts, Lisa Bye, Mark Johnson, Patrick Doyle, Mark Nelson, Ali Richards, Rance Marquez, Rita Chandler, Thomas St. Clair, Tonja Opperman, William Grauel, Windy Bunn, Morgan Pence, Diane Rau, Jonathan Olson, Dan Warthin, Reeve Armstrong, Rita Chandler, Justin Boeck, Cary Newman, Sam Amato

### Reminders:

- Call and invite/agenda
- Next Call is April 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, other months are email updates
- Send your area's WFDSS refreshers and training dates to Morgan ([morgan.pence@usda.gov](mailto:morgan.pence@usda.gov)) and Diane ([Diane.rau@usda.gov](mailto:Diane.rau@usda.gov)), for inclusion on the GAE Calendar and to assist the RDA in avoiding planned outages during trainings.
- In 495 years, reminder that students will be asking for FBS role and only access to Training is needed for the course, send current GAE FBS User Role document- not currently a 495 year
- New GAEs welcome (Jonathan):
  - Welcome to Alison Richards for the Rocky Mountain area, SW Windy Bunn. Please send changes in GAE to Morgan and Diane so we can update contact.
  - There were multiple new GAEs in the last year and I believe I have reached out to all to make sure they received the GAE Reference Guide, if I missed anyone or you want to refresh here is link: Geographic Area Editor Reference Guide
- Common issues and resolutions: Users can review WFDSS Known Issues from the right hand menu under Hot Picks on the WFDSS Home page.
  - For FS users. Update fs.fed.us domain emails to usda.gov in contact information AND notifications if by email address only.
- WFDSS Update (Morgan, Jonathan):
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- RDA Staffing changes - Morgan
  - Shawn Kelley – 120-day detail Vice Dane Mindar
  - Judy Wartella – from the NPS, WFDSS Data Manager October – January 24
  - Jonathan Olsen – 120-day detail in to the vice Pence position, October – January 18
  - Monique Wynecoop – 120-day detail in to the vice Noonan-Wright position, October – January 28
  - In process of hiring 9/11 vice Noonan/pence
- Emerging Issues- none
- WFDSS O&M
  - Critical infrastructure changes for upgrading to Window 2016 should be completed this week. We are in the process of testing Training and Prod, please send any issues found into feedback, like always so we can track and fix
  - FAMAuth on hold while other critical work is completed including the Oracle 12c RAC License, Windows 2016 upgrade, and IRWIN v6.0 integration.
    - IRWIN V6 testing this week (Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - Oracle RAC licenses upgraded to 12c completed in November
  - Known Issues and resolution
    - Fires since 1/1 have not been updated. This will be done once other critical work is completed. Anticipate the end of January to early February
    - Spatial Inventory of STFB is calculating incorrectly.
    - MODIS/VIIRS the service is in the process of being migrated, and once it's available it will be back available in WFDSS. We have a banner posted in WFDSS that directs the users to the NASA site where heat detection info can be retrieved.
    - Active Planning areas and some kite markers are not displaying on the intelligence map. This happened as

part of the Oracle 12c work and developers are working on a fix.

- Four known issues are planned to be fixed in the next release, , March 6th.
- WFDSS Next Gen, a new WFDSS that will replace our current version-work just started and will take time.
  - Sam Amato will be Product Owner, Erin Noonan and Tonja Opperman are deputy Product Owners.
  - Next Gen is starting from the ground up and will not just be moving buttons, we will be using a business analyst and user interface designer to assist with this. Next Gen will be built using an agile process which allows for quick and nimble changes. User groups and feedback will be important to this process to take feedback and adjust.
  - Input/feedback will be desired from the field/GAEs. Please start thinking about who in your areas might be best suited to provide feedback/suggestions toward this effort.

#### Spatial Data:

- Agency contacts can be found on the WFDSS homepage > Data > Geospatial team contacts. If you don't see who you think you should get with Andrew Bailey. BOR has submitted shapes (previously they did not have)
- In the past we have made 53 updates, this year we are expecting similar. We know the FMU/Shape schedule has not been updated yet on the website, will be soon.
  - Looking to do 6 updates to the SO/FMU this year, next one due to agency leads by Feb 5<sup>th</sup> RDA must have from agency leads by Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and will be in WFDSS by 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Data refresh plan- will be updated on website soon, it will be roughly similar to the previous year. For layers that haven't experienced large changes are looking to reduce this workload to focus on Next Gen efforts.

IRWIN

- Version 6 testing is occurring this week. Morgan and Andrew are working to ensure WFDSS meets V6 expectations. The IRWIN release is scheduled for March 9. The majority of the updates/changes are related to resources with
  - In V6 WFDSS will have same permissions as other applications for incident acres, previously had lower authority than CADs
  - WFDSS will grey out many of the field on the info screen when the incident is marked as Certified. Though users can still edit/update info as usually until the fire is out (nothing is changing with regard to implications of out date).
  - WFDSS added feature to allow for addressing WFDSS created incidents that are marked as quarantined. A National Editor will need to assist the WFDSS user to get it out of quarantine.

#### GAE Contact List for the Helpdesk

- Helpdesk doesn't use the filters because it can lead to inaccurate identification of GAEs for those of you that represent more than one GA/agency. So RDA keeps a list of GAE names, email, numbers per GA and agency.
- If you have edits to the contacts in your area email Diane Rau will the updated info, example: XXX person needs removed/added or phone of XXX changes to ZZZ. Please return by Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> so we can ensure the Helpdesk has correct contacts for you GA.

Round Robin-

**AK-** working to update their annual operating plan. Statewide fire history (this maybe can come early) and jurisdictions loading, send to Andrew before April 1 (or earlier) and he will work to get it worked into the data refresh schedule.

**Eastern-** not present

**Great Basin-** Barbara K. Wil get refresher dates turned in when they have them.

**NoCal/SoCal-** Patrick Doyle, Amy Z has changed from FS to NPS but still GAE for CA. Amy, several NPS units will be switching to SFP and will submit for Feb. CA continues to have interagency GAE meetings.

**Northern Rockies-** Rita, Julie Shea will be retiring end of March ☹️ and will send in WFDSS training refresher dates

**Northwest-** Mark, nothing

**Rocky Mountain-** Mark Nelson, Ali Richards is new regional fire planning specialist and will assist with GAE duties. They are also working to utilize sub-regional planners to assist with spatial fire planning and modeling support. Ali will be working with units to tidy up SFP. Cary Newman- S495 in November we have a new group of FBS and will be working to utilize them going forward. Gwenan- nothing to add

**Southwest-**