

December 2022

Reminders and General Awareness:

- Next month is a call month- January 19th at 1300 Mountain. **All GAEs should have the TEAMS invite- if you don't let us know.**
- The RDA Website was inadvertently reverted to an older version and therefore is missing months of GAE notes. We are working to have that corrected and update the notes. The 2023 FMU/SO schedule is also now out of date on the site, having reverted back to an older version, I have attached the 2023 version, which is the same cadence as 2022.

New GAE Welcome:

- Welcome Valdis Neha (replacing John Cervantes) for the BIA RM and SW GAs.

RDA Staffing:

- Tim Sexton, RDA Program Manager, is retiring at the end of the month. He will be greatly missed by the fire community at large- and especially the RDA!
- Tessa Nicolet, SW Fire Ecologist, is joining the RDA team starting this week. Initially she will be supporting IFTDSS.
- Reggie Goolsby took a promotion to fill an RDA vacancy, and will continue to support the Fire Modeling Services Framework and many other efforts.
- TJ Boyer, SA Intell Coordinator, joins the RDA next week and will initially support Classic WFDSS
- Vice Butler position is still waiting to be advertised

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- All WFDSS users with active accounts should have received an email last week from the Classic WFDSS system regarding how to join NextGen user groups. If you are already signed up and receive correspondence you do not need to sign up again.
- Our main focus continues to be upgrading the Oracle database. This will take more weeks of testing and some downtime of the application to complete. When we know the duration and schedule for the downtime we will share.
- FamAuth is coming to WFDSS! Once complete users will sign into WFDSS using their linc pass or a Login.gov account. We will be taking on this effort after the Oracle upgrade work. More information to come later this spring.

Data:

- 2023 FMU/SO update schedule is attached...note the one posted online is the old one. We are having issues with the website.
- 2023 Data Refresh Plan is in the works now- will be ready after the holiday break
- Fireguard- We are still working to display recent fireguard polygons in WFDSS and hope to make more progress after the first of the year.

IRWIN

- IRWIN 8.0 Integration testing is the week of Jan 23rd. We do not anticipate a big impact to WFDSS at this time.

NextGen

- A reminder to sign up for the WFDSS User Group here:
<https://famit.nwcg.gov/node/2664>
- The upcoming sessions in the new year include:

- Analysis Status, Copy, & Delete
- Spatial Fire Planning Service
- System Preferences
- OA CIMT edits to the PMS 236
- Spatial Inventory

IFTDSS

Development:

- The IBM Development Team is focused on code modernization for the next several months
- Minor enhancements will be completed as they modernize the FTEM and IFTDSS code

Technology Transfer:

- The IFTDSS team participated in the Great Basin offering of RX 340/341 Burn Boss classes the week of December 5th. Twenty eight students from the Great Basin – Forest Service, BLM, Park Service and a few state folks participated. This was the test course for both RX340 and RX341, trying out the new material developed by Heather Heward (University of Idaho).
- The Interagency Fuel Treatment Decision Support System (IFTDSS) was an integral part of the class and students practiced running landscape reports to understand their fuel models and landscape fire behavior for prescription development and identifying critical holding areas for their burn plans. The class learned the differences in using BEHAVE and viewing fire behavior as a spatial output in IFTDSS. Utilizing the map studio in IFTDSS proved very beneficial to putting the pieces and different elements of the burn plan together and visualizing them in a project area.
- There was a lot of great feedback from the students; *"I really like the idea of the IFTDSS and how you are able to paint picture of fuels in unit, intensity, problem areas etc. Very useful tool, think most people comprehend better when they visual see something."*