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Reminders and General Awareness:

- WFDSS has moved to a new login process. If you are experiencing problems logging into WFDSS with a known active account, please contact the IIA Help Desk. All federal users, including DOI, should be able to log into WFDSS with a PIV card.
- Non-fed users are no longer required to show proof of security training to a federal GAE to gain access to the system. However, non-fed users with privileged accounts (Non-fed GAEs) will need to show proof of security training.
- Next GAE call is Thursday, January 18th, 1300, Mountain Time.

New GAE Welcome:

- Welcome to Jeff Adams, FWS SW
- Goodbye to Thad Herzberger, FWS SW
- If you have GAE changes please let Morgan, Rick, and TJ know- we adjust the roles in WFDSS, the mailing list, and the IIA helpdesk contact list.

RDA Staffing:

- Welcome Sara Synowiec. Sarah comes to the RDA after serving as the Hazardous Fuels Management Specialist/ Fire Ecologist for the Rocky Mountain Region, and will continue to work with the WFDSS Next Generation team, supporting design and development of the new application.
- Welcome Jonah Vaughan. Jonah is filling a position that has been vacant in the organization for quite some time and is critical in supporting data and project teams. Jonah will continue to work with Amanda and Susan, supporting all things data in the WFMRDA.
- Kim Ernstrom is starting her detail to OWF.
- Nicole Vaillant will be starting her detail in January as Deputy Program Manager for RD&A behind Bre Schueller.
- Wes Hall has started his detail with WO Strategic Risk Reduction group.
- Heidi Leritz is closing out her detail with Audio Visual Specialist – we are looking for candidates for the next RMRS detail opportunity.

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- 8.2 was released and the 8.2 release notes are available and posted to the What's New in WFDSS page and Hot Picks section of the WFDSS homepage. This release was the final integration to FAMAuth.
- We are currently working to update the organizational assessment in WFDSS by adding Part D of the PMS 236. This will be part of 8.3 release. We will inform everyone when a release date has been set.
- Our dev team has started IRWIN v9 integration work and will be working on updating LANDFIRE data and upgrading Arc.

Geospatial Data Updates:

- FMU V80 data layer is available and loaded in WFDSS Production and Training.
- Work continues for the 2022 Interagency Wildfire Perimeter History update and anticipate wrapping up before next fire season. Agencies that recognize WFIGS as an Authoritative source (NPS, BIA, BLM) can retrieve data from WFIGS - Wildland Fire Perimeters Full History. Other agency perimeter data will be derived from agency Authoritative services.

- The 2024 WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape Update Schedule is available and posted to the WFDSS data page.
- The Data Team anticipate having the Data Refresh Plan ready by the end of next week for review.

IRWIN Updates:

- IRWIN is currently in development of IRWIN v9 which is scheduled to be released in production on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.Information about the enhancements and development of IRWIN v9 can be viewed at Integrated Reporting of Wildfire Information (IRWIN)

NextGen WFDSS Updates:

- IRWIN integration testing planned for January in order to get production environment ready.
- Working on completing several feature areas including, Strategic Assessment, FSPRO, Analysis Status, Analysis Notes and Rich Text Editor.
- NextGen WFDSS Training environment anticipating to be available by April/May.
- NextGen will be scheduling more User Group sessions in the new year.

IFTDSS Updates:

- FTEM dashboard development continue to progress and anticipating being live soon.
- Upgrading to ArcPro work continues.
- Landfire 2022 data will be available nationwide including HI for users to build landscapes with.
- The Development team is progressing with work on building the ability to upload custom landscapes into IFTDSS.
- Max Spotting Distance will also be available as a model output in the spring of 2024.
- ITDSS team is building a schedule to try and meet requests to participate in burn boss refreshers and other workshops. There are online materials available to support burn bosses and fuel specialists.
- Online Burn Planning and general IFTDSS Webinars: https://iftdss.firenet.gov/landing_page/webinars.html
- On demand Online Classes for Burn Planning and IFTDSS overview are available on the Wildfire Learning Portal: https://wildlandfirelearningportal.net/