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Reminders and General Awareness:

- Current and past GAE Quarterly and monthly notes can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- WFDSS release notes can be viewed and are posted to the [What's New in WFDSS](#) page and Hot Picks section of the [WFDSS homepage](#).
- We have a [WFDSS FamAuth Migration FAQ](#) doc for logging into WFDSS using login.gov or PIV card posted to the GA Editor Resource page of the WFMRD&A site and to the WFDSS homepage.
- Looking for additional refresher ideas/materials? The AA WFDSS Refresher page contains additional training refresher materials including [WFDSS Annual Refresher Training Recommendations](#), and other reference materials such as a [WFDSS/ISAP/RMA Dashboard Talking Point document](#), and other tools and guides.
- The [WFM RD&A AA Resources](#) page contains additional materials for line officers, and specifically for the FS information about the Agency Admin Taskbook and a [FS Line Officer/AA FAQ.](#) The [Forest Service Line Officer Desk Reference for Fire Program Management](#) (aka Line Officer Guide) has been updated for 2024.
- Send us (TJ Boyer, Rick Mowery, or Morgan Pence) your units WFDSS Training dates as you become aware of them. We will add them to the [GAE & Training Calendar.](#)
- Next GAE call is Thursday, July 18th, 1300, Mountain Time.

New GAE Welcome:

- If you have GAE changes please let TJ, Rick, and Morgan know- we adjust the roles in WFDSS, the mailing list, and the IIA helpdesk contact list.

RDA Staffing:

- The 9/11 Fire Application Specialist closed May 23rd. This position will be placed on the NextGen team.
- Wendy Detwiler will start her 120 detail for as IFTDSS team lead on 6/30.
- Tami Parkinson retired on May 31st after 33 years of service in forest and fire management.
- Reggie Goolsby accepted new position with Patent & Trade Office. A detail behind Reggie's previous position is in motion.
- Cherly Bright and Chris Moore wrapped up their detail with the RDA.

Classic WFDSS Updates:

- Forecast feed for weather for analysis and other uses is working again. NWS is still working on setting up their new feed that they want folks to transfer to. They haven't given us a heads up on when they expect to have that ready or exactly what that feed looks like, but we are still trying to get information on that front. Because the Weather Service is in the midst of changing all of their infrastructure, we'd like folks to let us know as soon as they see any issues related to weather.
- 8.3.1.1 was released last week to address the issue with retrieval of fire weather zones stop working and were unavailable.
- 8.3.1.2 was also released that fixed an error where the resampling of LCPs with a resolution greater than 30 meters sometimes took longer than anticipated and

resulted in the LCP being corrupted. This was especially noted on large landscapes in Alaska.

- We are investigating delayed WFDSS Feedback notifications on Verizon cell phones via text messages from WFDSS.
- WFDSS continue to support this fire season and working on transitional planning with Nextgen. We have an 8.4 release that consist of this work and effort for preparing classic.

Geospatial Data Updates:

- FMU/Strategic objectives shape V84 data layer upload is being finalized and will be ready to be loaded in WFDSS Production and Training.
- The last scheduled WFDSS FMU/Strategic Objective Shape updates for the year is scheduled for the end of summer. After that we're locking the spatial fire planning data in Classic so that we can migrate it to the Spatial Fire Planning Service for Nextgen WFDSS.
- PODs Poly/Lines are available for users to view in WFDSS. This is the last snapshots of PODS to be uploaded into WFDSS for the year.
- The WFMRDA data team has now established a support email! If there are any questions or issues related to the data services maintained by the WFMRDA data team on the NIFC AGOL org, or questions regarding any datasets referenced in WFDSS - they can reach us at (wfmrda.datasupport@firenet.gov).

IRWIN Updates:

- Continuing scheduled system maintenance for all environments.
- Draft IRWIN v10 business plan has been posted. Information about the enhancements and development of IRWIN v10 can be viewed at Integrated Reporting of Wildfire Information (IRWIN).

NextGen WFDSS Updates:

- Anticipate having Training environment stood up by the end of Summer. Prior to full release, we will have a live training session with GAEs to review Account Management process. Stay tuned!!
  - Draft workflows for Account Request and Account Management (GAE and Support role specific) are attached - Please contact Sarah Synowiec (sarah.synowiec@usda.gov) with any questions or comments. All GAEs have been given access to FAMAuth Admin and the WFDSS NG UAT environment and can be utilized for testing these workflows.
- We have the UAT environment up and running and set to where you can log in and take a look at what things are doing. Anyone is welcome to the application. When you put in a request, it will go to the WFM RD&A to approve.
- To keep up with the effort to update WFDSS and provide your feedback on issues you have experienced with the current WFDSS system and what improvements could be made in the next version of WFDSS, check out the Next Generation WFDSS section on the RD&A site for more information.

IFTDSS Updates:

- The IFTDSS development team continues to work on a major code base upgrade to modernize the application.
- The team has recently built a dashboard for the FTEM application and is in the process of gathering feedback from testers. If you would be interested in helping us

test and refine the FTEM Dashboard prior to its release, please contact Bre Schueller (brianna.schueller@usda.gov) for details.