

## WFDSS GAE December 2024 Call Agenda

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### Call purpose:

To share information between and among the GAEs and the RDA to promote coordination and information exchange to and from users.

### Roll Call:

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**Note taker:** Tederell Boyer

**Notes are posted** [here](#)

**Attachments:** None.

#### **Emerging Issues – All Call Participants**

- None.

#### **WFDSS Quick Tip –**

- Demo on logging into WFDSS using new login process.

#### **Reminders/General Awareness:**

- WFDSS has transitioned to a new login process. All users will need a FamAuth account. Information, steps, and a flow chart are available [here](#).
- Current and past GAE Quarterly and monthly notes and recordings can be found on the [GA Editor Resources](#) page.
- Nextgen WFDSS has posted demonstration videos and recordings for both Nextgen WFDSS and Spatial Fire Planning Services on [WFM RDA Youtube page](#).
- New Nextgen WFDSS UAT help site link is located here: [Welcome to WFDSS](#). The content is currently being updated.

- 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](#).

### **New GAE Welcome –**

- Welcome to Darren Finley and Steve Nickel. Both representing the State of Alaska, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection.
- 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 –**

- Greg Dillon detail as acting Program Manager with the RDA has ended. The RDA is continuing to work through the hiring process to backfill the Vice Program Manager detail position.
- [NPS WFM RDA Project Manager \(Product Owner\) GS-301-13](#) position is open (was emailed to GAEs on 12/9) it closes on Dec. 19th.

### **Classic WFDSS Updates –**

- 8.3.2 was released early December. This release included the slight change to how users log into WFDSS, few minor fixes/improvements, and archival support work. Release notes can be found [here](#).
- With the new login change:
  - Every WFDSS user will have to have a FAMAUTH account. You will need a FAMAuth account anyways to access Nextgen WFDSS.
  - If a user logs into any application in FAMAuth that uses what was formally known as INAP (FEMS, SIT- 209, EGP, IROC, etc), that will count as having logged in within 60 days.
  - However, after post release testing, this new login change did not fix the issue of the ongoing issue with DOI users and their PIV cards to access WFDSS.
- Working on updating WFDSS homepage for introductory transition to Nextgen WFDSS.
- Continuing sunseting and transition activities for the application including data cleanup and generating reports for analysis that didn't have them before so we can efficiently archive things.
  - After NextGen launch, Classic WFDSS Production will remain available for a short period of time in a View Only capacity. Eventually historic WFDSS Classic Production records (decisions and analysis) will be accessible for download in NextGen WFDSS. Incidents and data from WFDSS Classic Training will not be moved to NextGen WFDSS EDU.

- Lisa Saperstein- What is the last date that WFDSS Classic Training will be available? I've heard early April.

- Rick Mowery- April 12, 2025

- Only Completed Fire Behavior analysis from Classic WFDSS will be available in NG for download, if you are an analyst and want to retain model runs that were NOT completed in Classic, download them now.

- The planned outage of WFDSS (and all other applications hosted at EROS Data Center) was rescheduled for Friday 1/10 to Saturday 1/11. This outage is due to electrical equipment maintenance at EROS. We will have a warning posted in the application as we get closer to those dates.

### **IRWIN Status –**

- IRWIN v10 Integration testing event scheduled for Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. IRWIN v10 is scheduled to be released in production on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.
  - Rick Mowery- V10 is adding a type specifically for incidents that start in another country and cross the borders into the United States.
    - Dan Michael- Would this impact fires on the southern border as well?
    - Rick Mowery- Yes, For the new type - the incidents will be given (by dispatch) a unit ID corresponding to the Protection Agency where the incident crossed the border.

### **Geospatial Data –**

- 01/06/25 will be the last export of FMU/SO/MR shapes and language from WFDSS Classic into the Spatial Fire Planning Service (SFPS) for use in NextGen WFDSS.
- After 01/06/25, FMU/SO Language Edits and MR Shape Upload and Language Edits can be made in Classic, but they won't be imported into SFPS for NextGen.
- Limited critical dataset updates will occur in WFDSS Classic up until the launch of NextGen.
- New Jurisdictional Agency Boundary Layer will be released on Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **WFDSS Next Gen Update –**

- Completed Landscape rules with masks. Working on the backend and successful transferring to Landfire product service processing.
- Working with FEMS group to get some of the WIMS and ERC issues smoothed out and fix. Most of those completed now.
- Working through comments for Spatial Fire Planning Service.
- Look for increased communication from the NG team in the new year including a newsletter, live demos/office hours, and robust training resources along with the release of the EDU/training environment.

### **Round Robin:**

Share coordination opportunities, anticipated fire activity and trainings, share feedback from WFDSS users, etc.

- Alaska:
  - Brian Sorbel- Quiet. Will play around with Spatial Fire planning services and how we might get our Alaska replicate what we've done in the past in terms of using our statewide jurisdictional data to set up some FMUs or take a different route.
  - Casey O'Connor- Appreciate all thinks and walkthrough to getting log into WFDSS.
  - Mike Butteri- Getting Darren Finley setup and will figure out WFDSS nextgen training for AK.
  - Lisa Saperstein- Peter Butteri is also retiring at the end of the month.
  - Steve Nickel- Glad to join and thanks for the welcome.
- Eastern:
  - Allan Hepworth- Hoping to get some support facilitating a couple early 2025 Nextgen WFDSS trainings for R9.
- Great Basin:
  - Tonja Opperman- USFS Great Basin update: little fire activity, but periodic assessment continues for large fires in UT and ID. Working to get our fire planners up to date on NGen data needs.
  - Dylan Rader- For Spatial fire planning service, we're still missing some management requirement shapes for multiple districts across Nevada. I brought it up with Susan on a previous meeting as well, but I didn't know if there was an update on when those missing management requirements may be updated and included in the in the new dashboard. I'm going to be reaching out to Wes and the next Gen. folks and looking to set up a next Gen. like an hour long presentation for our Nevada BLM preseason meeting. That's going to be an interagency meeting with Forest Service and BLM.
    - Rick Mowery- For Spatial fire planning services update look for it after the jan . 6 pull out of classic. Other units found that they were missing those MR shapes and we tracked it down to a glitch in couple shapes that were corrupted in the current database. You can view them in the map in the application, but when you go to export them, it chokes out.
- N. ops/S. ops:
  - Kevin Osborne- Will hold of nextgen trainings until we get a better feel for where the application is at. No fire activity in N. ops.
  - Eamon Engber- Similar issue with MR shapes for NPS. Working on some Spatial Fire planning in Classic this week for Mojave National Monument. No decision was needed due to Santa Ana winds died off but completed some fire analysis. Some drying going on. Waiting to schedule some WFDSS refresher until have a better feel of the system. Did submit a comment regarding, it'd be super useful to have a crosswalk between classic and next Gen. for decision editing. Some of the strategic actions and strategic course of action and things of that nature.
- Northern Rockies:
  - Jonathon Olsen- 1 large fire that is ongoing. Had number of smaller incidents due to lack of snow. Little bit of fire activity in NR. Will send out plan dates for training for nextgen.

- Northwest:
  - Ian Rickert- Spatial Fire planning workshop Feb 19 to 20<sup>th</sup>. Plan to firm dates for in person nextgen training.
- Rocky Mountain:
  - Amy Russell-Fairly dry in parts of the region. Little fire activity. No nextgen wfdss trainings dates set yet.
  - Gwen Poirier- Not much fire activity. Thanks RDA for Spatial Fire planning demo and nextgen demo.
- Southwest:
  - Marquez Rance- Had GAE regional meeting with 3 hour stuff on nextgen. We have 2 pending decisions in classic. One on BLM just north of Phoenix and 1 on the Tonto looking at some resource benefit. No snow, but dry. Light IA.
- Southern:
  - David Quisenberry- Nothing to report for R8 USFS. Fire activity is very light.

#### **Next Call:**

- Thursday, January 16th, 1300, Mountain Time.

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#### **References**

- Agency Administrator Toolbox: <https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/index.php/interagency-agency-administrator-toolbox>
- GAE Resources: <https://wfmrda.nwcg.gov/index.php/decision-support-toolbox/ga-editor-resources>
- LANDFIRE Data Alerts: [LANDFIRE Alerts | LandFire](#)