

WFDSS GAE May 2025 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.

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Note taker: **Notes are posted [here](#)**

Attachments:

Reminders/General Awareness: TJ

- Send us (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](#).
- Current Known Issues (aka Bugs): <https://wfdss.firenet.gov/help/Content/00-General/Known-Issues.htm> We have a running list of known issues and if they have a workaround it is listed. This is updated almost daily as we find and fix issues.
- Reminder about the purpose of the different environments:
 - OAT= Operations Acceptance Testing. This is only for Product Owner testing
 - UAT= User Acceptance Testing, this is only for Product Owner
 - EDU= Education, this is Training. GAEs can grant access to EDU with the same lens you did for Classic Training.
 - Prod= Production. **For REAL fires**, GAEs can grant access as needed.
- FAMAUTH will be down for maintenance on Friday, May 16th, 2025 at 9:00 pm MT through 9:30 pm MT. During this maintenance, there will be a brief service disruption to eAuthentication login methods while maintenance is conducted.

New GAE Welcome – TJ

- No new GAEs since last call. Goodbye to Chip Collins, NPS for SW, GB, SA, NR, RM and Kristen Sanders, NR. Please communicate GAE changes with Rick Mowery, Morgan Pence, or TJ Boyer to ensure you get the proper user roles, invites to the calls, and contact info to the IIA Helpdesk.

RDA Staffing – TJ

- Kim Ernstrom will be retiring soon after 25+ years of federal service.

Classic WFDSS Updates – Morgan/Rick/TJ

- Sunset Planning:
 - FSPRO servers in WFDSS classic have been decommissioned.

- Classic Training will remain online until we take down the Prod servers (currently scheduled for 6/9).
- Archival work continues. Legacy incident data folders have been transferred from Classic to the NextGen storage. Nextgen working to verify files transferred and the integrity of the data.
- Currently, incidents created in NextGen EDU are not searchable, start a decision or analysis. While still available, you can use Classic Training to create incidents that you want to use in NextGen EDU.
 - As a work around after Classic Training is gone, if you already have access to or may reach out to your dispatch partners to create records in the lower environments of other IRWIN OAT Next connected system: WildCad-E OAT and WildCad-E Test, IROC Practice, SIT209 Test, or INFORM OAT. Any Wildfire created incident from systems connected to IRWIN OAT Next will be useable in NextGen EDU.
 - NextGen EDU will only show on the map if they have a start date within 6 months and no contained, controlled, or out date. After incidents created you can use the “eye” symbol in EDU to “watch” them records which will allow you to access them after 6 months from start date.

IRWIN Status –

- No updates

Spatial Fire Planning Updates – Wes/Amanda/Jonah/Susan

- Office hours for Spatial Fire Planning Service are weekly 1400 Mountain Time each Wednesday.
- Fixed the Add language tool and working with Units working on their SFP info.
- Continued work on the Spatial Fire Planning guide.

WFDSS Next Gen Update – Sam/Wes/Sarah/Rick

- GAEs please remember to set your GAE profile in EDU AND Prod
 - View Profile > GAE Tab (across top) > Select combos of GA and Agency > ADD > SAVE
- Nextgen product owners presented at the RIST WFDSS Workshop last week and Fire Behavior Workshop this week. WFDSS session recordings will be cross-posted to our youtube page once they are processed.
- RDA has on-call support 7 days a week, can contact Tier 1 through IIA and then send to RDA (Tier 2) or can contact Tier 2 direct with WFDSS on call phone.
- WFDSS v1.01 was released today. The [Release Notes](#) can be found on the WFDSS Homepage under What’s New upon deployment.
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 - New functions:

- Clearly labeling areas that are still under development and User Interface clean up.
 - User Profile component cleanup.
 - Removal of My activity on My Home
 - LFPS Data list update in FSPro.
 - Collaborator component refactor and hardening.
 - Technical Debt for security issues, shapefile upload
 - Foundational work for tabular Legacy Data search component.
 - Foundational work for Legacy Data map layer.
 - Foundational work for Incident Creation in EDU
- Bugs that will be addressed: in the Known Issues doc, column D, if it shows 1.01 it is planned to be resolved in this release:
 - Shapefile upload issues
 - Map Display issues of the Landscape and FSPro Results.
 - Print Map issues with Planning Area and FSPro results.
 - User List sorting issues
 - Saving issues with FSPro Weather
 - Working on Bulleted list causing errors with PDF generation.
 - Collaborators not able to see Analysis Summary
- WFDSS team is evaluating the effectiveness of the weekly office hours – Lend your voice by submitting the survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/nv2qptJdXh>

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
 - Casey O'Connor- Activity picking up, couple decisions worked on in WFDSS. AA WFDSS refresher is on 5/20. Kudos all involve with RIST workshop. Sat in on PNW WFDSS training in Burns led by Barry K. Great Training/ Refresher.
 - Wendy McCartney-BLM Alaska at the district level only has one qualified AADM after the DRP so will be ordering up some folks to provide us coverage as we get into fire season.
- Eastern:
 - Allan Hepworth- MN busy with fire activity. CIMT deployed. Probably another day today of burn conditions with some better RHs, but the seven day forecast looks like they're going to hopefully receive some precipitation. Really just monitoring, the 8 to 14 day range. See what happens after this rain event. MN could definitely trend back into it, depending on how much precip they receive. They can be problematic in the summertime, so will be monitoring them, and then also watching the really the Atlantic Coast states from Virginia, New Jersey up through Maine. They've been in kind of a droughty bull's eye since last summer, so they

have received some precip, some wetting rain events over the past month, and have seen some improvement to overall drought conditions. No planned WFDSS training and no feedback. Really appreciate the availability of Rick, Morgan, and Wes over the past months. any time we've needed some troubleshooting or support, they've been right there.

- Great Basin:

- Dylan Rader- Still early in the season in most of Nevada, the southern part of the state's some of the dispatch or NFDRAs are switching over to high fire danger. Far as the rest of the state, still pretty early. Cheat grass is green and growing. In the next couple of months see what kind of field loading we have, but looking to be an above average year just based off of fine fuel loading. Elko training and Carson training scheduled. Kudos to RIST and RDA staff.
- Tate Fischer- Kudos to all staff that worked on the workshop.

- N. ops/S. ops:

- Kevin Osborne- Not a lot of fire activity, had some grass fires and that goes for South ops as well. Statewide, herbaceous fuels are starting to curable below about 1000 feet Seeing a little bit uptick there, mostly non federal fires. Agency administrator workshop coming up that's going to have a WFDSS component and that is the 28th, 29th and 30th of this month, The 29th will be the day that has a block set aside for WFDSS Next Gen. Dan Osmond and myself are going to be covering a lot of that, and we'll also have some support from the spatial fire planning folks and Sam is going to help cover it a little bit as well. We'll have some of that stuff both from local Ga's and the national team, with Sam been involved. They're trying to bring as many local agency administrators from Northern California into one place to get it all done, so I'm not sure what the remote options will look like if there are any.
- Eamon Engber- NPS in NOPS,SOPS,NW have wrapped up about 8 refreshers and have no additional RT's scheduled at this point. No activity to report on NPS units other than curing of herbaceous fuels at lower elevations <1500ft in CA central valley. Yosemite did have one small lightning fire that was easily suppressed 2 weeks ago.

- Northern Rockies:

- Jonathan Olsen- Over the last couple weeks we've had a bit of fire activity on national forests, thankfully this week we've been getting a fair bit of rain and all those incidents have had some pretty miserable precipitation, so they're in a good state presently. Looks like we'll be kind of in a wetter pattern for about another week, so that will be good to delay fire season a bit as far as trainings planned currently, only two, one on the 21st and one on the 27th of May.
- Karly DeMars- WFDSS training next week on the 22nd.
- Tate Fischer- Experiencing an uptick in fire activity in both MT and ND. Precip started late last night, and it been a slow wetting rain.

- Northwest:
 - Ian Rickert- Really quiet. Conditions are pretty benign. Indices are dropping and any sort of fire activity would be late next week in the lower elevation basins. WFDSS training on May 29th for Colville NF and Okanogan Wentachee NF. Should be the last for the year.
 - Barry Kleckler- Finished last WFDSS training yesterday.
- Rocky Mountain:
 - Amy Russell- Receiving moisture across the GA over the next few days. Have some Forest level training scheduled into June.
 - Rebecca Hird- Cold, rainy, and snowy in most WY. Completed 5 WFDSS trainings both at the district and field office level. There is one more to go and that's yet to be determined.
- Southwest:
 - Rance Marquez- BLM AZ SW went to PL3. Committed a CIMT to the Greer fire. Helping adjacent Forest Units with T3 fires.
 - Richard Sinkovitz- Stood up a bare bones decision support center. Supporting the Greer fire and the blind fire. Probably going to see a increase in fire activity over the next week or two.
- Southern:
 - David Quisenberry- Activity has slowed quite a bit. Still, some risk in S. FL peninsula and maybe lingering drought in coastal Carolinas. Quiet outlook for the next week and training this coming Monday on the 19th. Another one scheduled for the first week in June.

Next Call:

- Thursday, June 26th, 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](#)