

WFDSS GAE June 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.

Roll Call:

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Note taker: TJ **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.
- If working on satellite connection (Starlink) this summer, For DOI and USDA you MUST be on VPN for WFDSS to work correctly.
- If you are using a barrier, double check your results to make sure it actually uses it. It's kind of a random chance for what has been seen.
- Recent findings show that users who have third-party antivirus software may experience couple functions within nextgen being blocked specifically for an analyst who cannot get their weather station list to come up. It is just a little piece that attempts to reach FEMS, but wont work.
- Using Safari or Firefox browsers are not able to put in a FSPRO analysis because both browsers scramble some of the calls to FEMS.

- Diane Abendroth- What is the best way to request roles in SFPS now?
 - Wes Hall- Data Managers -
<https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/home/group.html?id=1002df3ef04a4e11b3a23c2dbb0a535f#overview>
 - Shape editor -
<https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/home/group.html?id=cb3f8a75c87040e48cf8de3c5826a1f6#overview>

New GAE Welcome – TJ

- Goodbye to David Quisenberry, FS SA
- Welcome to Jamie Ellington, BLM RM, Ben Seifert, BLM AK, Sarah Hayes, NPS AK, Raechel Compton, FS RM
- Please communicate GAE changes with Rick Mowery, Morgan Pence, or TJ Boyer to ensure you get the proper user roles and invites to the calls.

RDA Staffing – TJ

- No new updates

Classic WFDSS Updates – Morgan/Rick/TJ

- WFDSS classic was turned off early this month.
 - Incidents created in NextGen EDU are still not searchable, start a decision, or analysis.
 - As a work around 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.
 - Reach out to us if you need assistance finding or getting an incident to practice with in Nextgen WFDSS.
 - Legacy data from Classic WFDSS into Nextgen under the Reports Tab still remain unavailable.
- We are still nailing down some of the archiving work. We still have a few tables in our database we were having trouble copying over to the archiving database because of some corrupted GIS shapes. That work is just about completed.
- FAMAuth has removed the WFDSS login tiles from the FAMAuth portal.

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

- Office hours for Spatial Fire Planning Service are now every other Wednesday at 1400 Mountain Time.

- Editing is back online. No issues so far.
- Please check your vertex counts, before syncing large shapes. Do not load any shape over 400k vertices or it will negatively impact service functionality. We include a field vxcount that can be used to perform a vertex count. We cannot force a check on this at this time, so it is up to the users to simplify shapes if over the limit.
- The issue with SFP Related Language showing raw HTML tags in the PDF Decision has been fixed. We encourage everyone to still clean their HTML to make it as basic and simple as possible, there may still be some odd html tags that will get rejected. We will handle those on a case-by-case basis. We have removed the language_stripped field.
- If you find a tag that causes your SFP to fail to be clipped into your SA or COA layers, please let SFP team know so it can be added to the known list and do a wholesale clean-up in SFP.
- National Protection Agency layer has been published.
- Esri updated ArcGIS Online last night and the update was not successful. Currently access to the NIFC Org home page and web maps, apps, and dashboards are not available. Services can be used in Pro and Field Maps, but they are slow. Esri is aware of the issues and is working on restoring functionality to AGOL.

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

- This week marks 90 days of WFDSS Nextgen being the official system of record.
- WFDSS v1.02 was released earlier this month. The [Release Notes](#) can be found on the WFDSS Homepage under What's New upon deployment.
 - New functions:
 - Decision PDF now allow bulleted lists in any part of the decision text.
 - Removed the requirement for a 'Protection Objective' in the Strategic Assessment Tab of a Decision.
 - Made Decision/Approval Tab read only when a fire is declared out.
 - As an editor, a non-collaborator is not able to edit in the Organization & Complexity tab or Strategy tab.
 - Fixed issue preventing users from uploading zip files that had a period in the file name.
 - Progress made toward future connection to Fire Modeling Service Framework Version 2
- WFDSS v1.03 anticipates its release in mid-July and is targeted to include:
 - FMSF v2 updates
 - Unsaved changes message/guard
 - Canopy cover multipliers can be less than 1

- AK SDI and PCL
- Various Bug fixes
- Office hours for Nextgen WFDSS are every other Wednesday at 1300 Mountain Time.
- Reminder for GAEs to check the FAMAuth Admin pending requests – there are less than 50 outstanding requests, which is awesome, but some of the requests are fairly old. FAMAuth is discussing an automatic rejection after a certain time period but that is not instituted yet.
 - Eamon Engber- Having an issue with the forecast days not populating and also negative ones in the start day of the ERC stream.
 - Rick Mowery- FEMS is not supplying that value just for that particular station and day. It is intermittent. I have gone back to stations that had that problem in the past like the next week, and it seems like it's fine. So it's going to be really hit or miss. You're getting it on the start date because if there is not a 1300 obs for your station on the start date when you populate your ERC, it will actually stick in a forecast value on the start date as well and if the problem is the station isn't getting forecast values, you will see it there too. To resolve you will have to come up with values to put in there or find a different station if there is another one that works.

Round Robin:

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

- Alaska:
 - Thomas St Clair- Have been observing our decision support center forming. Allen Hepworth leading. Playing catch up from having a lot of fires and trying to get some decisions approved. Learning a little bit about challenges of multi-jurisdictional fires with only one approval button. We have a bunch of analysts working for us. If anyone is interested, Nate Perrine is heading POC. We're in fire season. Got a little bit of moisture, but it looks like it should dry out and don't think there is enough moisture to really put any of the big fires out. Busy and actively engaged in finding the limits NextGen WFDSS.
- Eastern:
 - Joe Alyea- Things are starting to trend on the end of fire season here in the east. We do still have a couple of areas in the Lake states that we're paying attention to, but majority of our forests are starting to export versus import. Still have some critical thresholds with some needle moisture in the lake states. But with the predicted weather coming in, we should see those bounce back. No issues with WFDSS. What we have done over the spring season is we found some trials and tribulations, but we're able to work through most of those with the support of the team. Thanks everybody on that and we are starting to frame out what does

some, WFDSS training look like for the winter coming up so we can continue to engage our line officers and our fire practitioners.

- Great Basin:
 - Jeremiah Sisneros- Fire picking up just a little bit in certain areas. We have a handful of fires that are becoming a priority at the GACC. No decisions coming through my desk at BLM Idaho, but I'm sure that there's some in Utah, Nevada, Arizona Strip. Still plugging away at spatial fire planning stuff for Sage grouse language and other stuff that hadn't had to get a chance to look at this spring.
- N. ops/S. ops:
 - Shawn Burt- We're still in preparedness level 2 for both North and South OPS. Initial attack activities have been relatively light. We've had one forest down South that was having some issues with publishing their decision. Thank you to the special Fire Planning group for assisting. They were able to finalize their decision yesterday. We did send out an all call to all the forest to go into WFDSS and make sure that their layers are there and available.
 - Eamon Engber- Plenty of potential, but no fires ongoing yet. We're continuing to work on the data management side of WFDSS and particularly in light of the NIFC sensitive data policy. We're going through and looking at just all the data that got transitioned over from classic and making sure that we're not in violation in terms of specific T&E species locations either removing those data or obscuring them in some way.
- Northern Rockies:
 - No report
- Northwest:
 - Barry Kleckler- Had a couple decisions in the Northwest BLM so far this year. Not necessarily due to conditions, more for location, just inaccessible terrain and canyons. We're in the process of mobilizing the first team within the northwest to the Palm fire in Big Chelan area.
 - Ian Rickert- bit of a lull in terms of conditions, but we're going to be right back in it next week with lightning in the forecast early next week and all the 4th of July activity late in the week. A handful of decisions for couple forest service fires in the last several weeks and expect we'll be right back jamming them out again next week.
- Rocky Mountain:
 - Amy Russell- our interagency decision Support group is up and running as of last week. We are just providing remote support as needed at this point. If something else happens, we will come together later if needed. Our GACC is still in PL 2. We've had a little bit of fire activity on Forest Service lands, but nothing going too big, although ERC is on the West slope of Colorado are or at the 90th percentile. Most of

our organize WFDSS training is done for the year and it will be up to the users to train on their own unless something else requested.

- Rebecca Hird- Not much fire activity and nothing that would necessitate a decision. Our live fuel moistures are starting to trend down, but not in the critical level yet, and no anticipated WFDSS trainings at this time.
- Southwest:
 - Abie Carabjal- Things are relatively slow considering this is typically the peak of our season. We started to get some early monsoonal precip in New Mexico, but Arizona is still hot and dry. There is an above average chance of precip across the majority of the region in the next couple of weeks. We still do have the DSC up and running still supporting a couple of incidents, but with the anticipated precip we don't plan to backfill behind any of our resources as they time out and are expecting to completely dismantle the center, likely at the end of next week, pending no significant fire activity.
 - Rance Marquez- The Arizona Strip, which is in the Great Basin in Arizona other than the river down there along the Colorado River and St. George, everything's kind of trending higher dew points and we're hoping for a quick end to the fire season that kind of wasn't in Arizona.
- Southern:
 - Leta Douglas- No report

Next Call:

- Thursday, July 17th, 1300, Mountain Time.

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- When in doubt contact the On-Call Coordinator and they will route you: (208) 387-5253

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](#)