
GA Editor WEBINAR – Jan. 21st, 2016 – 1300 MT

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Call purpose: to share information between and amongst the GAEs and the RDA to promote coordination and information exchange to and from users

Roll Call: Mark Nelson, Jeremy Sisneros, Wesley Hall, Morgan Pence, Gwenan Poirier, Jason Loomis, John Cervantes, Thomas St. Clair, Larry Hood, Lisa Elenz, Andrew Bailey, Caroline Noble, Missy Forder, Shari Miller, Brian Sorbel, Marlena Hovorka, Bre Schueller, Cody Wienk, Brenda Wilmore, Harold Riggs, Jesse Duhnkrack, Kim Ernstrom, Reeve Armstrong, Rick Stratton, Ben Butler, Kristy Swartz, Mark Hale

Note taker: Tami Parkinson

Attachments:

- Data Management for Incidents Managed as a Complex and Wildfires that Merge
- Optional Strategy Slider results
- Incident Objectives/Incident Requirements Fire Example
- Action Items

Agenda Items

General- Morgan Pence

- 4 Action Items need GAE support/participation. These are:
 - 15-2 NWCG memos, **Volunteers needed**
 - 15-9 Managing incident groups in WFDSS **Volunteers needed**
 - 15-10 Requiring Incident Objectives, **Volunteers needed**
 - 15-13 Sharing analyses in review, **Volunteers needed**
- Think about these during the call and when we get to the Review of Action Items section at the end we will look for volunteers. Due to the contract transition little change may occur in WFDSS in the short term and this lull will provide a good opportunity to accomplish other tasks the GAEs have placed value on.
- Send us your WFDSS and Fire Behavior SOPs (email to Morgan).

RDA Program Manager- Tim Sexton

- NA

Emerging Issues- All Call Participants

- AK - Early November AWSTG sent a memo to the RDA regarding some ideas for WFDSS enhancements related to CFFDRS and the incorporation into WFDSS - sent to Tim/Lisa

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- Received - no enhancements given the contract, but discussions can occur - a response will be forthcoming.
 - R6 - Draft report on Complexing incidents - came out on the BLM side, it isn't clear as to how receive comments/feedback
 - Morgan sent this document out with the agenda for this call
 - If you have comments regarding the complexing issues you can submit them to Andrew Bailey and he will consolidate and send to Roshelle
 - Have them sent to Andrew by February 5th

General- Lisa Elenz

Attachment on Incident Objectives/Incident Requirements Fire Example http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov/docs/Fire%20Example%20IO_IR_COA_Leaders%20Intent.pdf

- This is meant to be a tickler to help the author writing the Objectives/Requirements
- If you have recommendations/changes please coordinate with Lisa and we will update the documentation as needed.

WFDSS Quick Tip – Ben Butler

- Reports Tab
 - Don't automatically get rolled up with the decision
 - "Create" what domain and what name you want
 - Custom report will include WFDSS components as well as your own documentation you want included
 - MAP includes the information you would have inputted into the MAP section, this is good to have to hand out to the various operational sections
 - You can include specific MAP's and their images
 - Delegation of Authority Report - Some regions have uploaded their own templates, or the National DOA which is the Red Book template
 - The information between the DOA and the decision don't automatically populate each other, or share information
 - You still have to load in your relevant information for the DOA
 - Can also include different map layers if there is a data layer you want to specifically highlight

WFDSS Updates - Mitch Burgard & Marlana Hovorka

- Status of WFDSS contract transition
 - Worked on the Statement of work with the fire IT folks, still don't have a WFDSS contract
 - Transition period trying to extend with current vendor and new vendor
 - By the time the contract is ready to go, we won't have time to provide any updates prior to the 2016 field season
 - Current contract expires Jan 31, we still don't have a contract at this time
 - We need to be proactive and have our tasks outlined, prioritized etc for when we can do our updates after the field season.
- Frequently received helpdesk questions
 - Help desk is up and running, they are very engaged
 - Some issues with the Klamath forest, CAD/IRWIN etc aren't talking/communicating

IRWIN Status – Andrew Bailey

- V3 Testing
 - IRWIN 3rd year, testing next week January 25
 - Changes to WFDSS - won't see major changes to the application
 - Be aware of - passing decision status to IRWIN so applications down stream will see a decision that was created but not published
 - No action would be taken it is more information sharing
 - FireStat, FMIS - testing/consuming information this year, not sure when they are planning to go operational
 - WFME - new fire reporting database will be using IRWIN data
 - Firecode - drop down as incidents - there will be a list of things ie: wildfire, RX fire, prepositioning, complex, false alarm - WFDSS won't allow any of the other categories to populate into WFDSS... only Wildfire at this point
 - March 31 IRWIN stuff completed

Geospatial Data – Andrew Bailey/Ben Butler

- FMU/Strategic Objective Shapes Update
 - Data due to RD&A January 20th will have it uploaded by February 3
- Updates are monthly from now till May
- Data Refresh is operations and maintenance
 - Critical habitat FWS
 - Wilderness boundaries
 - Admin Boundaries
- Fire perimeters loaded in WFDSS have now been rolled over to the disturbance bins for 2015
- At this time the schedule for the data uploads will continue, not seeing an impact by the contractual issues... but no promises.
- Data Management Deep Dive Webinars - fairly certain these dates are solid:
 - February 25 - 1000 Mountain time
 - March 3 - 1300 Mountain time
 - Let Ben/Mark know if there is something specific you wanted reviewed during these webinars

Spatial Fire Planning- Mark Hale

- Mark available to answer questions during call or offline as needed

Review Action Items- Morgan Pence

We have a lot of new Action Items, that combined with carry over ones, will be too many to discuss all on every call. I will rotate which ones to hit on each month. If I don't hit on one someone thinks we should for a given month just let me know.

- *14-5 and 14-6 DOAs/Leader Intent
- 15-2 NWCG memos, **Volunteers needed-** Kristy Swartz, Gwenan Poirier, Shari Miller, Peter Butteri
- 15-4 Strategy Slider (attachment), *Item complete*
- 15-5 Circulate draft NWCG guidance on complexes & mergers, *Item complete*
- 15-6 Scheduling the WFDSS AA refresher webinars
- 15-9 Managing incident groups in WFDSS **Volunteers needed** - Shari Miller, Kristi Swartz, Rick Stratton
- 15-10 Requiring Incident Objectives, **Volunteers needed** - Brian Sorbel, Lisa Elenz, Jeremy Sisneros, Brenda Wilmore
- 15-11 Modeling concerns, *Item complete*
- 15-13 Sharing analyses in review, (Super Analysts are going away, so this needs to be considered) **Volunteers needed** - Tom St. Clair, Cody Wienk, Brenda Wilmore

GA Editor Feedback

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

- Alaska: GAE participating in a statewide operating plan, thanks to Andrew/Ben to discuss options with spatial fire planning, working to move this direction as much as they can
- Eastern: NA
- Great Basin: no fire activity but lots of training
- NoCal: NA
- SoCal: NA
- Northern Rockies: made a presentation to a forest - 2015 AAR, WFDSS objectives - what goes where example, working with the various forests for spatial fire planning to meet the guidance for 2016
 - Management Requirement uploads
 - AA refresher dates are yet to be determined
 - Misuse of fire behavior tools
 - Should this be a regional information sharing or should this be something from the RDA
 - Fire environment Lessons learned Unit.... Discuss some options with Brenda for how to share this information
 - Kudos to Tonja for her art work in the IAWF
- Northwest: time spent with spatial fire planning conversion, FS units will be there, BLM most units will have converted this spring, Task group to convene to look at NFDRS 2016, Looking at PSA's and how they align with Fire danger zone, fire weather zones etc.

- Rocky Mountain: State of Colorado giving them more access to WFDSS, Question about open incidents... some of the qualifiers are not right, how to close out these incidents, look in Firecode to see who created the incident etc and track it backwards
- Southwest:
- Southern:

Next Call

- February 18th at 1300 MT

Main WFMRD&A contacts for WFDSS related items:

- WFDSS Enhancements/Releases: Mitch Burgard and Marlena Hovorka mburgard@fs.fed.us, mhovorka@fs.fed.us
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- WFDSS Role Issues: National Editors, Lisa Elenz, Mitch Burgard, and Marlena Hovorka lelenz@fs.fed.us, mburgard@fs.fed.us, mhovorka@fs.fed.us
- IRWIN WFDSS liaison: Andrew Bailey Andrew_bailey@nps.gov
- WFDSS Spatial Fire Planning: Mark Hale, Marlena Hovorka, Diane Rau mahale@fs.fed.us, mhovorka@fs.fed.us, dianerau@fs.fed.us
- WFDSS Help Content and Training Resources: Diane Rau dianerau@fs.fed.us
- Active incident decision and analysis support: All NFDSC personnel, best to contact On Call Coordinator (208) 473-8107
- IFTDSS: Caroline Noble and Kim Ernstrom carolinelnoble@fs.fed.us, kim_ernstrom@nps.gov
- GAE call management: Morgan Pence morganpence@fs.fed.us
- When in doubt contact Lisa Elenz: lelenz@fs.fed.us

References

[Reference and Guidance](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov) from www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov page

- Incident Objectives project
 - Briefing paper
 - Past Presentations
- Risk Assessment
 - Strategic Level Risk Assessments for Fire Behavior Specialists - WFDSS YouTube Channel
- Example Decisions
 - Gold Pan
 - Salt Springs
- Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents
 - GTR
- WFDSS Related Documents
 - Wildland Fire Management Risk and Complexity Assessment
 - Complexing Fire Decision Documentation
 - Data Sharing Between Incident Tracking and Reporting Systems
- Wildland Fire Decision Support Tools
- Other References
 - NWCG Risk and Complexity Assessment
 - NWCG Official Memos

[GA Editor Resources](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov) from www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov page

- [GAE Reference Guide](#)

[Line Officer Resources](http://www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov) from www.wfmrda.nwcg.gov page

- Line Officer Guide
 - Leaders Intent Documentation

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- Line Officer Guide and Templates
 - Forest Service Agency Administrator Coach/Shadow Program
 - AA Certification Guide
 - Pathways Diagram
 - USFS Learning Action Plan
 - USFS AA Hubbard Memo
 - Incident Objectives Project
 - WFDSS Refresher Training Recommendations for AA's
 - Decision Making for Wildland Fire Incidents - GTR
 - USFS Fire Response Protocols

“What Fire Behavior Specialists Need to Know About WFDSS” posted under the [Modeling Learning Resources](#) on the “WFDSS Training” page.

- “What You Need to Know About WFDSS” posted under the [Decision Learning Resources](#) on the “WFDSS training” page.