

## **GACC Survey:**

(Survey's received from GACC Predictive Services/Intell folks):

### **Votes**

#### Southwest

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- Committee should decide on colors, etc. One thing to think about when choosing colors is to run it by someone who is blind...
- Good menu bar, similar to No. Rockies in content and organization. Perhaps more comprehensive menu options than No. Rockies (which I like), but No. Rockies menu looks better/cleaner. I also like the idea of a few menu options across the top along the banner. If I had my druthers, I would combine elements of 3 different GACC's. I would like the looks/colors of No. Rockies left-hand menu bar, the content and general organization of the SW, and throw-in some additional content/groups from Southern's menu bar.
- Like the horizontal nav bar, but prefer to move to bottom to leave more whitespace... Must make sure nav buttons are alt tagged as links or TTV Readers will miss them. Not sure about groupings on left menu... prefer one level links like EGB, but can go either way if uniform groupings agreed upon. A date stamp feature would be useful. Minimize graphics to speed up download (minimize use of buttons for navigation). Logo to return to home/main page (prefer upper left corner).
- Well organized/easy to navigate/good looking. Also like organization and look of No. Rockies. However, a lot of this is personal affinity to fonts, colors, etc. What we really need to decide is how to title each section and how they are organized within the frames. After looking around at all of the GACC sites I definitely agree that the organization and titles of the various sub-pages need to be the same GACC to GACC, similar to the NWS pages.
- Besides my own site, I think the SWCC (and EBCC) sites offer the best range of information easily/readily accessible from the left bar (including IMT's, aviation, training, etc). The other things I like are interagency feel, the clear, concise look, and the up-front information about that office.

#### Northern Rockies 3

- Clear and concise info on first page. Also like predictive services pages from both the SW and No. Rockies. May I suggest that instead of listing several NWS offices in a row and providing a link to the forecast that instead you do it like Alaska with drop down boxes... saves space and leads to less clutter while getting more info on a page.
- Like sidebar and masthead, not paragraph of what predictive services is. When will we see a first cut or 2 on this?
- Simple, but concise. I really like the side bar. I like the outline of the subject with it broken down.

No other sites received any votes.

## **NATIONAL Survey:**

(Survey's received from GACC Coordinators, Dispatcher, FBAN's, LTAN's, and T1 IC's)

### **Votes**

Southwest

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- I like new design that does not have frames. I like the look and feel of the SW page the best, however, I like the compactness of the EGB Predictive Service page with almost all links very concisely displayed and only on click away. I don't like the "pop-up" notes on the Fire Intelligence page of the SW... we get enough "pop-ups" on the web without getting one on our own agency page!
- Agencies/areas mentioned. Site map.
- Clean, colorful, easy to follow, relevant information.
- SW has easily the best overall site based on the ease of finding information. No. California PS is the best of the PS sites based on the weather sites. NW has good information on current resource status.
- I have worked in R3,2, and now 6, and have taken dispatch assignments in N&S California, and the Southern Area. I have always missed the SWA site. It has the most useful and user-friendly links I've been exposed to as far as GACC websites go.
- Most informative site out of all of them. In particular like the daily intelligence and notes section, lets you see what is or could be impacting regional resources on an on going basis. But by far the best site around!!
- The SW and NW have the best sites – complete, well-ordered, and flexible enough to add things of local interest and utility.
- Like the format and subunit layout.
- It's very good.
- Would like to see the PS operate all year, we have rx burning occurring all year and this info is very useful.
- It was very close call between the SW and NR. I prefer the SW banner with the site map and links, but the NR is cleaner and easier to read. Both are well organized.
- Clean design, simple to navigate.

No. Rockies

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- Very nice, easy to use. Layout very user friendly.
- Favorite.
- I voted for NR as I believe it "lists" in breakouts that seem to make sense – easier to tell what might be located there. Also, why does it have to be a GACC page? Many of the Dispatch Centers have "designs" that are quite good, Ft. Collins is one example. I like homepages where I can tell quickly and easily where to go to find what I am looking for, not push a link to see what is there. Also, make sure they will open with ALL standard browsers. Also, remember that not everyone has access to the USFS INTRA-net, so don't put anything that require that.
- Nice, clear format, selection of background and text colors are easy to read. A map of the No. Rockies would be a nice addition. Include a map of the

GACC is useful to the public, media, and agency personnel that are less familiar with areas outside their home GACC. Avoid use of jargon and abbreviations that are less familiar outside the incident management world.

- I like the color scheme, and navigating was good.
- Best layout. Clear and well organized. Very useful. Very little scrolling needed to see contents of pages. Take the best from each and use the Northern Rockies style. Try to group categories so that there is no need to scroll up and down to see a page using a typical 17" monitor.
- I like the simplicity of design and information readability.
- Add a "search" box.
- Very nice, good links. I like the format of the No. Rockies. In reviewing the sites I also notice a difference of items each has. It will be important that the site have all the categories everyone needs to see very upfront as well as some of the good links some of the site have. S, a uniform set of items would be good.
- Concise, links to the left are easy to read. Recommend including fire business management links as on Southern GACC site.
- Guess I'm prejudiced, but I like ours ☺

Southern 9

- Nice balance of topics.
- Nice, because of lots of links from the home page.
- Lots of information and it's up to date. Very impressive from ease of use to their annual fire reports with all the graphics.
- Lots of information on the home page, broken down into logical groupings. I particularly like the links for "Unable to fill list" under "Resource needs." The NR site is good, but you have too many layers you have to go through to get to some of the information.

Eastern 4

- Would add links to Incident Management Teams
- Quite nice, Like this one the best.
- SA was a close second. The EACC site has a tremendous amount of current information in it, and is kept up-to-date during the fire season. My only qualifier would be to try to limit the size amount of graphics contained so it loads as quickly as possible via dialup connections.
- Nice simple entrance. Key the page simple and clean. I was between EA, NR, and SW. I chose EA because it was the cleanest and least cluttered.

East Basin 2

- One stop shopping. Page has almost everything you need.

Northwest 2

- There are a lot of things on other pages that are good. It might be nice to use ideas from different pages. If I have to vote I am biased however and vote for the NW.

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So. California           1  
- Easy to look @ & find what you want...

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Alaska                   1  
- I like Alaska's site best, but would like to see the addition of a drop down list of the dispatch centers as on the Rocky Mtn. site.

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Rocky Mtn.           1  
- Easy to follow for a dummy like me.  
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