

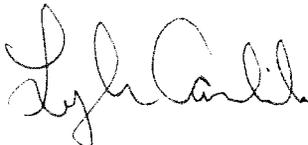


United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER
3833 SOUTH DEVELOPMENT AVENUE
BOISE, IDAHO 83705-5354

July 21, 2009

Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors, All Regions
Attention: Forestry/Fire Management

From: Director, Branch of Wildland Fire Management 

Subject: Wildland Fire Decision Support System Transition-Schedule and Action
Items

The implementation of the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) for decision analysis is progressing into the 2009 fire season. I am pleased to share that significant steps have been made from spring training workshops for preparation to actual Wildland fire event use.

I have appointed Ms. Nancy Lee Wilson, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)-National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) Fire Planner/Fire Behavior Analyst, to take the lead for the BIA WFDSS Task Group. The BIA WFDSS task group is a resource to agencies and tribes in implementing modification to Federal Fire Policy and use of WFDSS. The task group will act as an identified pool of subject matter experts to provide information, technical guidance and recommendations at all levels. They will also address BIA specific issues in coordination with interagency task groups. A group communication list is attached with members' identified roles to facilitate who you can contact in specific support areas with questions or concerns.

Also attached is a Regional contact spreadsheet example developed by Tom Corbin for the Rocky Mountain Region. An electronic copy will be emailed to Regional Fire Management Officers (FMO). Please have your Regional WFDSS lead contact utilize this spreadsheet to fill in personnel, contact information, and identified roles for your Regions and e-mail the completed spreadsheet back to Ms. Wilson at Nancy_Lee_Wilson@nifc.gov by July 29, 2009.

These spreadsheets will be utilized to support a BIA help network.

Training Delivery - A two day training for FMO's/Managers will be held October 26-30, 2009. Day1: Strategic planning in WFDSS and day 2: LANDFIRE data calibration for WFDSS. Location, times, number of sessions, and agenda are under development and will be distributed as soon as it is finalized. In preparation for the workshops, and future wildland fires, fire managers should become familiar with the LANDFIRE 40 Fuel

Model outputs for their areas, and identify what the correct Fuel Model should be, based on local knowledge.

Users are encouraged to continue practicing in the WFDSS training site after completion of the “On-line” training modules, which continue to be available by user roles. New users are to request access to the system, training site first, and then request access to the production site for real fires.

Computer security training is required for all users of the system and can be completed on the DOI Learn website (<https://doilearn.doi.gov/>). Regional FMO’s should develop a consolidated list of tribal employees within their Region who need to gain access to the DOI Learn website for this training. Contact Mr. John Barborinas, BIA NIFC Fire Planner, at 970.563.9483 for any questions. Reference the WFDSS web site for additional information. (<http://wfdss.usgs.gov>)

Authorized Use of the Decision Analysis Report (DAR) – Currently agency administrators are authorized to use the WFDSS decision analysis process and the DAR, for unplanned wildland fires in lieu of the three current decision analysis processes.

Full Implementation Goal- By October 1, 2009 all agencies and tribes should be entering all unplanned wildland fires into the WFDSS system. Initially there may be some data entry redundancy with other systems, e.g. Wildland Fire Management Information (WFMI), however our long term objective is to link WFDSS to other systems to increase efficiency. Agencies and tribes are encouraged to begin entering fires into WFDSS at the earliest practical date prior to the targeted implementation date.

I want to commend the agencies and tribes that have registered at the WFDSS website, attended trainings, Webinars, Geographic Area workshops, and have begun entering unit-specific data into the Production site. This proactive engagement will assist in a smooth transition to the full implementation date.

For general questions always try the WFDSS Help Desk first, then with your Regional Leads. For specific questions or issues please feel free to contact any of the Task Group members on the attached contact list for further information in their specialty support area.

Attachments

cc: WFDSS Task Group
Oklahoma Staff

Rocky Mountain Region C00

8-Jul-09

PERSON	POSITION	PHONE	WFDSS PROFILE ROLES				Fire			
			Viewer	Dispatcher	Author	GA Editor	Behavior Analyst	RAVAR Specialist	Data Manager	
Thomas Corbin	Regional WFDSS Contact	(406)247-7949								
1 Edward Parisian	Regional Director	(406)???.-????	1							
2 Darryl LaCounte	Deputy Regional Director	(406)???.-????	1							
3 Thomas Corbin	Regional FMO	(406)???.-????	1			1				1
4 Robert LaPlant	Regional AFMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1	1				1
5 Robert Roberts	Regional Fuels Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
6 Dan Rasmussen	Regional Assistant Fuels	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
7 Angel Becker	Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
8 Sheila Weatherwax	Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
9 Billings Dispatcher	Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
10 Cody Dispatcher	Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
11 Mary Reevis	Training Specialist	(406)???.-????	1							
12 Michael Caprata	GIS Specialist	(406)???.-????	1							1
13 Kenneth Bixby	GIS Specialist	(406)???.-????	1							1
			13	8	8	2	1	0		4
Blackfeet Agency C51										
1 Tyson Running Wolf	Tribal FMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
2 Chris Trombley	Tribal AFMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
3 Glen Still Smoking	Tribal Fuels Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
4 Meri Lame Bear	Tribal Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1						
5 Jennifer McDonald	Tribal Fire Business Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1						
6 Chet Gladstone	Agency Forest Manger	(406)???.-????	1		1					
7 Stephen Pollock	Agency Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
8 Cliff Hall	Agency Deputy Supertintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
9 Ed Wagner	Agency Administraive Officer	(406)???.-????	1							
10 Tribal Chairperson	Tribal Chairperson	(406)???.-????	1							
			10	5	4	0	0	0		2
Crow Agency C52										
1 Dale Glenmore	Agency FMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
2 Bryce Rogers	Agency Fire Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
3 Randy Pretty On Top	Agency Fuels Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
4 Twilla House	Agency Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1						
5 Caleb Cain	Agency Forest Manager	(406)???.-????	1							
6 Bob Dillon	Agency Forester	(406)???.-????	1							
7 Judy Gray	Agency Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
8 Debbie Scott	Agency Deputy Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
			8	4	3	0	0	0		2
Fort Belknap Agency C55										
1 Mike Longknife	Tribal FMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
2 Byard Lamebull	Tribal Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
3 Trish Blackcrow	Tribal Fire Business Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1						
4 Richard Weasel	Tribal Fire Prevention Officer	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
5 Lee Blackcrow	Tribal Fuels Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1						
6 Vacant	Agency Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
7 Myrna Guardipee	Agency Deputy Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
8 Vacant	Agency Forest Manager	(406)???.-????	1		1					
9 Tribal Chairperson	Tribal Chairperson	(406)???.-????	1							
			9	5	4	0	0	0		1
Fort Peck Agency C56										
1 Kent Shane Moran	Agency Fire Support Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
2 Kenneth James St. Marks	Agency Fire Engine Captain	(406)???.-????	1	1						
3 Charlene Birdsbill	Agency Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1						
4 Florence White Eagle	Agency Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
5 Grant Stafne	Agency Deputy Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1		1					
6 Vicky Hopkins	Agency Administrative Officer	(406)???.-????	1		1					
			6	3	3	0	0	0		1
Northern Cheyenne Agency C57										
1 Ray Hart	Agency FMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
2 Leland Black	Agency AFMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
3 Merlin Sioux	Agency Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1						
4 Lee Old Bear	Agency Fire Operations Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
5 Michael Bear Comes Out	Agency Fuels Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
6 Vacant	Agency Forest Manager	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
7 Marge Eagleman	Agency Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
8 Desi Rollifson	Agency Deputy Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
			8	6	4	0	0	0		1
Wind River Agency C58										
1 Robert Jones	Agency FMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
2 Charlie Chavis	Agency AFMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
3 Juan Eder	Agency Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1						
4 Cal Anecker	Agency Fuels Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
5 Eric Rhodenbaugh	Agency Forestry Manager	(406)???.-????	1							
6 Ray Nation	Agency Deputy Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
7 Edward Lone Fight	Agency Superintendent	(406)???.-????	1							
			7	4	3	0	0	0		1
Rocky Boys Agency C59										
1 Emery Naut	Tribal FMO	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					1
2 Jason Lodgepole	Tribal Fuels Specialist	(406)???.-????	1	1	1					
3 William Lodgepole	Tribal Forest Manager	(406)???.-????	1		1					
4 Robert Belcourt	Tribal Natural Resource Director	(406)???.-????	1		1					
5 Dawn Gamble	Tribal Dispatcher	(406)???.-????	1	1						
6 James Montes	BIA Field Representative	(406)???.-????	1							
7 Tribal Chairperson	Tribal Chairperson	(406)???.-????	1							
			7	3	4	0	0	0		1
Total Users:			68	38	33	2	1	0		13

68

TOTALS: 68 38 33 2 1 0 13

BIA WFDSS Task Group/Support - 2009

Name	Support Area	E-Mail	Phone (Desk)	Phone (Cell)
HELP DESK	PASSWORD RESET, General Info, Process, Error messages	fire_help@fs.fed.us	800-253-5559	208-387-5290
Dennis Dupuis	Policy	Dennis_Dupuis@nifc.gov	208-387-5041	208-861-4444
Dalan Romero	Policy	Dalan_Romero@nifc.gov	208-387-5372	208-861-6536
John Barborinas	Fire Behavior, Unit ID's WFDSS Privileges/Access	John_Barborinas@nifc.gov	970-563-9483	970-903-3499
HELP DESK	PASSWORD RESET	fire_help@fs.fed.us	800-253-5559	208-387-5290
Mary Taber	DAR, Fire Behavior	Mary_Taber@nifc.gov	208-387-5042	208-559-7659
Tom Corbin	DAR, Policy	Tom.Corbin@bia.gov	406-247-7949	406-696-5055
Greg Peterson	DAR, Policy	Greg.Peterson@bia.gov	218-751-2011 Ext 408	218-820-1744
Reeve Armstrong	Fire Mgmt Plans Strategic Obj /FMU's	Reeve_Armstrong@nifc.gov	720-407-0637	303-921-2196
Dave Koch	Training	Dave_Koch@nifc.gov	208-387-5577	208-859-6644
Kim Kelly	Data, GIS, RAVAR	Kim_Kelly@blm.gov	503-808-2741	503-820-1271
Chris English	Data, GIS	Chris.English@bia.gov	602-379-6798	602-421-2112
Ben Butler	Data, GIS	Ben_Butler@nps.gov	208-387-5222	
Nancy Lee Wilson	Fire Behavior, Data (Chair)	Nancy_Lee_Wilson@nifc.gov	208-387-5558	208-869-7807
Scott Bradshaw	Group Oversight	Scott_Bradshaw@nifc.gov	208-387-5373	208-869-7802