

Firescope GIS Specialist monthly meeting minutes:

Date: 7/9/2015 10:00

Attendees: Chris Ingram; Chris Castillo; Rich Strazzo; Tiffany Meyer; Dave Donley; Jana Luis; Lorri Petz-Lewis

FIMT Tools update

Rich tested version last month, but it had issues. The GDB wasn't functioning well. They said they'll have another version end of this month (July). Will have capability to upload to egp, then another version will have less bugs.

Chris: Concern is that there will be multiple versions on a fire that are not compatible. Rich was told that new version is not compatible with old version.

Rich: Code is getting so messy from multiple companies working on it that Interra suggests that they rewrite it to clean it up. Part of that update would be to get rid of perimeter sector. Current contract is done when this next version is done, so in order for this to happen there would need to be a new contract.

ESRI UC meet up

Who's going? Chris, Tiffany, Chris C., Steve, Lorri and Dave D. Possibly meet after Chris and Tiffany's talk on Tuesday at 10:30am.

Task force liaison and more members

- Now who? Possibly Chief from Orange County?
- Chris Higgs changed jobs to DWR. It would be great to get another OES rep. We can reach out to her replacement. Current supervisor is not GIS focused.
- Elizabeth Hale went back to Park Service. Has not yet agreed to participate as a NPS rep.
- Lorri is recommending that we make recruitment a formal issue and write an issue paper on how to get more team members. Our Liaison needs to be more proactive. Lorri would like to see reps from NPS and BLM and Fish and Wildlife. Lorri has reached out with no success.
- Steve Kennedy has not submitted his paperwork to Ingram so he's not officially a part of the group yet.

Ross timing issues

We will try to get ROSS rep to talk to us by next month.

NAPSG Symbology - Chris Rogers will be at the ESRI conference

- Chris: Do we need an issue paper to address that it would be good to have a recommended standard? It might be more productive to have a F2F discussion with NAPSG to recommend our needs.
- Rich: Another issue – do they maintain multiple agencies’ standards? They need to make sure that everyone will buy into it before they bother to put the time into creating the standards.
- The symbols need to be simple or people won’t use them.

“Wagon Wheel” Division break method for Ops maps

- Chris: Recommends that we come up with a methodology paper for the teams to use. The documentation would include a basic work flow for using it.
- Rich would like to see it used on the IAP maps also. Then the instructions would need to include IAP related symbology that coincide with FIMT symbology, and include areas that are outside fire area.
- IMT meetings talked about including them on the Ops maps, but not IAP maps. Although it does seem like there are more and more special map requests.
- Currently the teams are experimenting with ways to do it on their own right now. Dan will write some direction info down based on his experience using it on the Lodge fire. Darin and Fred have also used it.

USFS Cache

Lorri is working on getting plotters into the “Cache”. There are no iPads in the cache. Those are only available to rent.

Business

Next F2F meeting is tentatively Nov 17-19th at LAC. If Tom can’t host than Dave D. can host at Riverside. Feds need 120 day lead to get travel.

Adjourned: 11:12am.