

FIRESCOPE GIS SPECIALIST GROUP

Meeting Notes

June 5th, 2012

Meeting Information

Tuesday, June 05, 2012 at 1:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/join/530506498>

Call in number!!

888-858-2144 3364579#

Attendee list:

Mark Rosenberg

Kris Higgs

Rich Strazzo

Chris Waters

Tom Gikas

Chris Castillo

Chris Ingram

Dave Donley

Rough Agenda:

Review/Accept Meeting notes from May – attached here.

- No motion to accept the meeting notes. This item is deferred to the next meeting.

FIRESCOPE Task Force update – Marc –

Outstanding item – IMWG participation request. Lorri has not been successful in reaching a contact on this.

- Delay Task Force update until Chief Hafner is available:

GISS Intermediate Class – DVD are being sent out – contact Lorri if you want one. Currently we don't have a place to put these. It is too big for the FS FTP site.

- Some folks got the dvd (waters, Rosenberg)
- Those still wanting the DVD, please contact LPL or MR.

Trainee List – all student contact information from 2011 and 2012 S-341 classes sent out to the Federal Type I and II teams. Other additional interested trainees were also added.

- Tom Gikas would like the list of potential Trainee's. Lorri or Rosenberg please send.
- New call for applications to CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams (IMT). All positions yet to be filled. See Email Referenced by Chris Waters.
- Within CAL FIRE, any trainee's may benefit from seeing the announcement for team participation. Can we send them the announcement?
- **Action Item: Ask MGMT if trainees are needed. Should we notify them? (Chris Waters)**

Hard Drive status – USFS done. CAL FIRE?

- Hard drives have been updated. CAL FIRE drives were sent back out.

- Discussion regarding the usefulness/feasibility of hosting the GISS data on the cloud. (Chris Castillo).
 - Question about the large size of the data holdings (500 GB), networks, sensitive data and Agency v.s public access
- Hard drives from CAL FIRE are under warranty.

NWCG GISS Pre-season webinar – completed, not sure where the recording is for this. (Kris Higgs Update)

- Available for download
- Discussed wx outlook
- USFS & western states ArcGIS v. 10.0
- Local collaboration is best contacts for data
- FIMIT 10 –not totally stable on Windows 7
- Old DNRGARMIN being used/taught. The new DNRGPS has problems
- NIFC FTP site... GACC's are POC for passwords this year. Should be same as last year.
- WFDSS - May need to support this from GISS trailer on Federal Fires.
- GeoMAC and INCIWEB are sharing same data. REST services available for fire perimeters
- Be sure to post your data.
- Use correct dir and use shape file and other standards as required.
- 209 coordinates are the GISS responsibility to ensure accuracy. Review this on the fire when you get there.
- INCIWEB same perimeter, but .jpg has file size limitation and this impacts map quality... on inciweb. Be aware of your display needs for maps
- NIROPs team beta-testing fire perimeter KMZ products as outputs for various consumers.
- Issues with Internet on incidents. Logs staff at fire needs to handle this on a case by case basis.
- **NWCG position on US NG and air ops... Air ops is not using thus no recommendation to implement US NG at this time, for fires.**
- **Tom: - ACTION ITEM review US NG standard and figure out how to educate the GISS community to utilize and be functional in it.**
- What is the FIREScope standard for reporting coordinates? GSG needs to take a position.
 - Need to provide training for GISS.
- **Action Item: Lorri is working on a draft issue paper. Report on this item next time**
- USNG – OPS needs to drive this. It is a life and safety issue.
- Table this issue for next meeting.
- Kris Higgs has the notes and ppt and recordings, she can prepare.

Issue Papers –

All Hazards – no progress – Lorri and Kris have not been able to get together on this – Need a recommendation on what to do with this – either we move it forward or drop it.

- Suggested Route to support development of SOP's for all hazards(Kris): Use GSTOP as base doc. And use Appendix formats for other hazards.
- Discussion of map scales and OPS chief preferences. Need to meet needs of the incident.
- Bring to next meeting.

- **Action Item: Need to continue to work on the US NG issue paper.**

OGC – Tom Gikas – Status?

- Tom showed Interra viewer
- Viewers come and go, it is the data that we serve that is the backbone.
- Interra integrates well to the GISS Workflow.

- Adherence to Open standards will drive how well we can support viewers and other software applications like Interra products and NICS.
- We missed the boat with Radio technology integration. Lets not do the same with GIS and data interoperability.
- MITRE (a company) is working on a project with LA to discuss interoperability issues. FSDR (Fed research and development centers) – not allowed to impinge on open market (commercial enterprise).
- Comment about NICS funding and infringement
- Need to look, as a group at open standards to support OPS.
- How can GISS support ops, not just plans.
- Ops are now defining GIS tools and we need to consider how to assist them.
- What is an open standard?
- Where are data? Most of it key data for incident support starts at the local level.
- Need data standards and web standards to deliver data
- Information sharing is an OPS issue now.
- Our workgroup needs to address interoperability issues. Open standards platform. Data needs a standard outlet.
- Comment about Google Earth. Demonstration of all LAC resources in GE. Active incidents etc.
- XML format data output. Develop a ‘plug for that outlet’ – i.e. a messaging standard is needed.
- We all need access to the data generated by an incident. Also we all need base data.
- Reddinet – hospital availability system – standard open messaging on Hospital status. Standard format.
- Tom has a draft of the issue paper for FIREScope GSG review
- We have a parallel from the 1970’s radio technology boon-doggle. CA can lead the nation on this issue.
- **We need to collaborate on this for data, and what an open standard looks like and agree with Agency partners on the standard.**
- Other comments from the group.
 - o Other counties (SBC) agree this is an issue at their levels.
 - o Human interactions and who makes decisions dictates we need to keep it simple.

Symbology – Lorri – working on this!!!! REALLY!!!

- Nothing to report on this yet. Lorri to finalize the Issue paper. > Address at next meeting.
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Fire Season – preparation discussion – anything we are missing?

- **Reminder: Solicit Feedback from GISS on GIS SOP.**
- Question: Is there a list of ‘Bugs’ associated with the new FIMIT tools and Font size. (TOM).
 - o Send those questions to Rich for faster response.
 - o Tom sent question to Sean Triplett and had problems with dialog box. Rich reports this is a known bug. Being addressed. Work around? → change font size to 100% or other.
- Q: CAL FIRE tools ready? Rich S. Reports they are in final testing. ETA is...???
- o April 5th is the latest version. There will be a new one.
- o PFE Color map is embedded.
- Q: Status of NICS? Getting data in and out.
 - o Discussion of problems with NICS.
 - o CAL FIRE official position is it is a Research and development platform
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FIREScope GISS SG Website – Marc – update on status? Everything on here is still missing!

- Website question defer to next meeting.

Briefing regarding Bay AREA Fire GIS users group: Chris Ingram reports a good session and energy from participants. ESRI Demo for map books and wall maps for fire support. Group will continue to meet.