

## Lesson 6 – System Preferences

*Estimated time to complete: 15 minutes*

In this lesson, you will modify your system preferences from the **My Home** tab by:

- Changing your default Initial Page.
- Managing your map layers.

Learning how to manage your map layers helps you understand how to modify your map display when you begin working from the Situation map in later lessons.

### Changing Your System Preferences

With your WFDSS account, you can change:

- Which page appears as the first page when you logon to WFDSS.
- How many data rows appear in the User List (in your Address Book.)
- How many data rows appear in the ERC stream when you are developing or viewing inputs for an FSPRO run.
- Which Landscape Data Source is assigned as the default each time you create an incident.
- Which Map Base Layer is displayed each time you open a map display.
- Which map layers are available for viewing.

We are going to focus on changing your initial page when you log in and managing your viewable map layers. You can modify the other system preferences as you see fit.

#### Changing your Initial Page

The default Initial Page that displays when you log in to WFDSS is **My Home**, but you can change it at any time. If you are an Author, the Incident List may be the best option. An Analyst may prefer the Analysis List, where a user assigned the Dispatcher role may prefer the Intelligence map. It's personal preference, but locating incidents is easiest if the WFDSS application opens to display the Incident List.

#### To change your Initial Page:

1. Select **My Home > System Preferences**.
2. Locate the Initial Page section, and then select the radio button beside the Incident List (or other page if you choose).
3. Click **Save Preferences**. A message displays in green that says your User Preferences were successfully stored as your new defaults.

### Managing your Map Layers

You can control which map layers are available for viewing by selecting viewable layers under My Home > System Preferences. By default, WFDSS makes all of the available map layers active (i.e. meaning they are located in the right pane, as in the image below), but not all map layers may be applicable to your

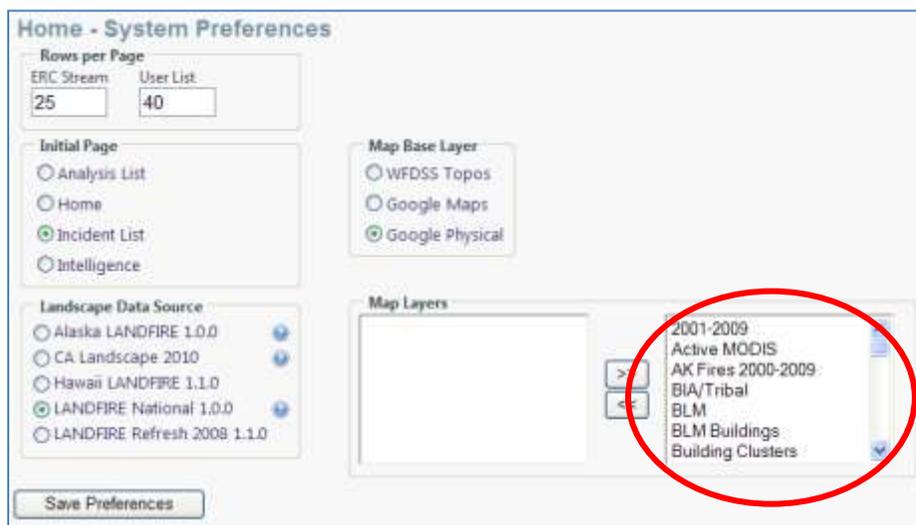
fire area. If you choose, identify which layers are not applicable and move those layers from the list on the right to the list on the left (the list on the left is empty in the example below). Layers you move to the list on the left will not be available for viewing in your map displays.

For example, if your unit is in the Southwest, you may not be interested in viewing Alaska fires from 2000-2009 (AK Fires 2000-2009). You would select that layer in the list on the right, and then click the double arrow to move the layer to the list on the left. You can move the layers back to the list on the right whenever you'd like.

**Note:** Identifying which fire-related, reference and values layers are near the fire area helps guide and inform your decision-making, so make sure that you don't inadvertently eliminate layers from your map displays that are applicable.

### To manage your map layers:

1. Select **My Home > System Preferences**.
2. Scroll through the list of map layers in the right pane (highlighted in the image below), and while you press and hold the Ctrl key, select the layers that are not currently applicable.
3. Click the  button to move the selected layers to the list on the left. This deactivates those layers in your map displays.



4. Click **Save Preferences** when you are finished. A message displays in green that says your User Preferences were successfully stored as your new defaults.

### Search for these related topics in the help:

- [Changing your System Preferences](#)
- [Changing your Initial Page](#)
- [Managing Map Layers](#)