

Order of Fire Record Creation in Dispatch Centers without WildCAD 6 - FireCode, WFDSS, ICS-209

The FireCode, WFDSS, and SIT-209 web applications are now sharing fire data through a service known as IRWIN (Integrated Reporting of Wildland Fire Information). When fully functional, IRWIN will dramatically reduce data entry across the wildland fire service. Six wildland fire applications are currently exchanging data using IRWIN: WildCAD version 6, IFM (State of AK), WFDSS, ICS209, FireCode, and the Enterprise Geospatial Portal (EGP)

Dispatch centers utilizing WildCAD 6 will enter their fires in this system first which will then push data to the other applications, including obtaining a FireCode. WFDSS and SIT-209 will inform users when data elements must be updated in the CAD system for their use.

WildCAD 6 is not yet being used widely across the west, and CAD systems are not common in parts of the US, including much of the east coast, therefore these unofficial help notes have been created.

Dispatch Centers Not Utilizing WildCAD 6:

When WildCAD 5 is being used, or if no dispatch (CAD) software is present, the order in which fires are entered becomes very important to avoid accidentally creating duplicate records.

To avoid duplicates, all fires that will need a fire code (P-Code) should be entered into the FireCode system before entering them in WFDSS or SIT-209. If the fire is created in WFDSS or SIT-209 first, FireCode will create a duplicate record that could be passed to the other systems.

Once the FireCode record has been created, search for the incident by name or unique fire ID (example 2014-AZGCP-000001) in WFDSS or SIT-209 and use that record.

If you cannot find the record in WFDSS or SIT-209, proceed with creating an incident in one of these systems so the application can determine if a fire already exists. Pay very close attention to the warning messages you get which will indicate if there is a duplicate based on discovery time or location. If this is indicated, it is best to determine if there is a typo in the name or number rather than create an additional incident. Do not create the record in both SIT-209 AND WFDSS! Once the record is created in one system it will be available in the other.

If you find that you have accidentally created a duplicate, contact the help desk of the affected system and provide the duplicate fire names and numbers.

- WFDSS Help Desk: When logged into WFDSS production, click the “Feedback” link in the upper right-hand corner of the web page, by email at helpdesk@dms.nwcg.gov (include “WFDSS” in the subject line) or by phone at 866-224-7677 or 360-326-6002
- FireCode help desk for IRWIN issues: Please contact Roshelle Pederson (DOI-OWF) at (208)-407-6685 or by email kimber_pederson@ios.doi.gov
- SIT-209 Help Desk: For support, contact the Fire Applications Helpdesk by phone: 1-866-224-7677 or 360-326-6002 or e-mail: helpdesk@dms.nwcg.gov.

In SIT-209, if you see two possible records from IRWIN, one will likely be from WFDSS where the names tend to be in "Title Case", and the other from FireCode where the names are "UPPER CASE". When there is a choice, we believe it is best to use the record in "Title Case" rather than "UPPER CASE" which will ensure that the SIT-209 and WFDSS records are tied to the same IRWIN record, making the information consistent between the two systems. In this situation, please notify the IRWIN team (kimber_pederson@ios.doi.gov) that duplicates were encountered in SIT-209 and include the incident names, unique fire numbers, and which one was used to create the 209.

Forest Service ABCD Misc Fires:

These fires are often created in WFDSS days before a fire code is needed. If no work has been done on the incident in WFDSS, the WFDSS record can be deleted and replaced with the newly created FireCode record. To request a duplicate record to be deleted in WFDSS due to this issue, provide feedback in WFDS indicating which record should be deleted.

If work has been done on a decision, make sure that the unique fire number used to request the fire code is the same as the unique fire number in WFDSS. The IRWIN, FireCode, and WFDSS teams will be notified of the duplicate incident automatically and will work to merge the records after the fact. Be aware that this can take several weeks due to the volume of data and number of systems involved. Finally, make sure to replace the ABCD Misc Code in WFDSS with the FireCode that has been assigned for that incident.

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