

**September 15, 2004**  
**GTG Conference Call Notes**

Call Participants:

Dorothy Albright - USFS  
Corey Ferguson - USFS  
Joe Frost - USFS  
Sue McLellan – Division of Forestry – State of Florida  
Brian Sorbel - NPS  
Ken Bottle - FWS  
Andrea Olson - FWS  
Elizabeth Lile - USGS  
Janis Reimers - BLM  
Susan Goodman - BLM

**FIMT** – You can obtain a copy of the ArcGIS 8.3 version at <http://gis.nwcg.gov/>. There have been some installation problems on BLM computers. Susan Goodman is working with the BLM Test Lab to resolve those issues. The Fire Incident Mapping Tool (FIMT) version that will work with ArcGIS 9.0 is estimated to have a Beta version released in January. Final release anticipated in May for 05 fire season. The next version will be put through the Forest Service release process.

**Fire Program Analysis (FPA) Data Standards** – The Fire Management Unit (FMU) data standard keeps changing. The final FMU data standards is supposed to be finalized by September 17, 2004

**Fire Perimeter Data Standard** – Data Administrative Working Group received zero responses from the business areas on GTG submitted data item standards for: fire name, fire number, year, acres controlled and owner.

**GIS Data Standard** – Data model needs to be submitted to the Data Administrative Working Group (DAWG).

**Canadian Data** – There has been an issue with fires that have crossed into Canada. It is tough to find Canadian data in a timely fashion. There is a need to have elevation and Digital Raster Graphics (DRGs) data for Canada made available. Janis Reimer will check with Tom Fry, BLM International coordinator, to see if he can help with this issue.

**Geospatial Standard Operating Procedures (GSTOP)** – Sue McLellan sent out an email to all of the team members and only received two responses. GTG members will contact agency team members. Sue requested that GTG members send her names of facilitators to be used in the GSTOP project. Joe Frost will follow up on the FS funding for the project.

**Information Resource Management (IRM) Strategic Plan** – GTG members will send comments to their IRMWT members. Susan Goodman will distribute full version of the Strategic Plan to GTG members. Janis Reimer will attend the IRMWT meeting in September.

**Geospatial Training Advisory Group (GTAG) Charter** – Charter should be signed at the IRMWT meeting

**GIST** – Andrea Olson will call the Incidents Operations Standards Working Team (IOSWT) Chair (Bob Leaverton) to insure that the GIST position is on their meeting agenda.

**LANDFIRE** – Rapid assessment workshops are being organized around the country. LANDFIRE has hired nine GIS specialist. The project manager is Bruce Jeske and resides in Missoula. LANDFIRE has been producing quarterly updates. More information on LANDFIRE can be found at: <http://www.landfire.gov/>.

**University of Montana** – Dorothy Albright will call Theron Miller regarding GTG relationship with the National Center of Landscape Fire Analysis.

**Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS)** – Susan Goodman will request GIST list from ROSS

**FPA** – The new GIS specialist/lead for FPA is Craig Thomas.

**October GTG Meeting (October 19-21, 2004)** – GTG Members, please add to the following agenda items. Details about location will be sent out Thursday 23, 2004.

*Recommended Agenda Items:*

1. *FIMT*
2. *FPA*
3. *Data Standards*
4. *Canadian Data*
5. *GSTOP Project*
6. *IRM Strategic Plan*
7. *GTAG Charter*
8. *LANDFIRE*
9. *Lessons Learned from Alaska*
10. *IFWGTAG*
11. *Open discussion on any issues arising from incident support of 2004 fires and (possibly) hurricanes*
12. *February and April meetings/conferences next year*
13. *Anything GIST-wise that comes out of the IOSWT meeting*