



# Workforce Development The Next Generation of Fire Managers



A Success Story:

Darcy McDaniel Develops GIS training and support for fire professionals in Nevada

**Fighting Flames with Brains**

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JFSP's Great Basin Fire Science Exchange supports the "*Fire Science Online*" project through the University of Idaho. It gives fire professionals more opportunities to take classes and earn degrees and certificates remotely.

After taking the *GIS Applications in Fire Management* course through the University of Idaho, Darcy McDaniel was hired as a BLM Zone Fire Planner and was inspired to develop and implement tools for on-the-ground managers. Among several examples, she developed *Collector 4 Fuels* and provided site-specific training and support during the 2017 fire season for fire professionals who were already implementing fire data collection for the BLM.

While working full-time for the Bureau of Land Management in Winnemucca, Nevada, Darcy recently earned a Masters of Natural Resources degree from the University of Idaho.

