

ROSS Version 2.16.11 Release Notes

This is a synopsis of the new and corrected functionality included in ROSS version 2.16.11. The primary objective for this release is to update the IRWIN/ROSS interface for IRWIN Year 5 changes, provide high-value improvements for ROSS users, and correct various defects.

Installation

Users will need to uninstall the 2.16.10 client and download and install the 2.16.11 client after the deployment.

New or Changed Functionality

- The IRWIN/ROSS interface has been updated for the IRWIN Year 5 changes.
- Resources are not allowed to be on two EXU contracts with overlapping dates. Existing contracts with overlapping data are not automatically corrected.
- Resources that are associated to a master roster are not allowed to be transferred or added to a CWN or AGR contract.
- When a contracted resource is assigned to a request the contract is captured on the assignment. On the Tactical Aviation screen a new popup has been added to allow selection of a specific contract for a resource that is on multiple CWN or AGR contracts.
- The Pick Incident popup from the Notification screens now uses search fields that are consistent with the rest of ROSS.
- Validation has been added for coordinates entered using UTM.
- Documentation is now required when filling a request with an unqualified resource, when the resource was selected without re-querying the available resources.
- View Usage screens for Airports, Catalog Items and Resources have been updated to include data references added in recent versions of ROSS.
- A resource that has different names in ROSS and the Clearinghouse (due to being updated in the Clearinghouse by IQS or IQCS) can now be transferred, removed or deleted in ROSS.
- Web Status has been improved for the display of vendor resources that have more than one qualification and contract.
- Merge resource is now allowed for VIPR resources as a workaround to address VIPR duplicate resources.
- The Search for Resources screen now includes a column to display Employment Class.
- User accounts that have become Removed or that no longer have access to ROSS in the NAP are now automatically deleted from ROSS on a daily basis.
- User accounts associated with a transferred resource are now deleted at all dispatches, and a standard account is created at the new dispatch with no roles assigned (if the resource had a standard account at the old dispatch).
- Additional filtering options have been added to the Incident List screen.
- A resource that is a member of a prepositioned group and that has been assigned to a wildfire can now be disconnected from the prepositioned group so that the group can more readily be released or reassigned.
- Within the Help menu the ROSS Helpdesk menu item now launches the IIA HelpDesk website.
- The Help menu now includes a menu item to launch the ROSS website.
- A column for 24 Hour Phone has been added to the grid on the Organizations tab on the Resource Item screen, and also on the View Resource screen.

- All documentation areas have been updated to allow all user and system documentation more than 2 weeks old to be viewed.
- Documentation is now captured when roles are added or removed on a user account, or when a user account is added or removed from a dispatch. This documentation will not be visible within ROSS until the User Account screen is updated in v2.16.12.

Reports Changes

- Availability Area has been added to the RCO-001 DPL Validation report as a new column, and also added to the RST-006 Contract and AD Resources Status on Date report as part of the displayed value for the Status column.

Defects Fixed in this Version

- The response message has been corrected when an external system updates the availability of a resource that has a future activation date.
- An error when evaluating notifications to external systems for a new incident has been corrected.
- A check has been added to prevent a resource from being reassigned to the same request twice on the Pending Request screen.
- A check has been added to prevent the same record from being rejected or added in the Clearinghouse by two different users at the same time.
- A bug that caused a hung resource when reassigning a tentatively released and prepositioned resource has been corrected.
- Non-inventory resources (such as when using Fill with Agreement) that had been reassigned to another request were being deleted from the system prior to the second request being closed. This resulted in an error when viewing the resource for the second request and has been corrected.
- Filling a subordinate request for a nested roster (such as a Strike Team) by reassigning a group to it caused the nested roster to be incomplete when attempting to then reassign it and could also result in hung requests and resources. This bug has been corrected.
- The Add/Swap function on the Assignment Roster screen has been corrected to match the equivalent behavior of the menu items when Filling on the Available tab of the Pending Request screen.
- A bug that allowed a prepositioned group with a reassigned member to be released back to home (and which would then result in a hung resource) has been corrected.
- Canceling the reassignment of a prepositioned group was being applied to members of the group that had been previously reassigned, resulting in a hung request. This defect has been corrected.
- A bug has been corrected when un-filling a nested group (like a Strike Team) that includes a prepositioned group and caused the prepositioned group to become hung.
- Non-inventory resource information is now copied when filling a request with a non-inventory resource from the Reserved tab of the Pending Request screen.
- A bug that caused the demobilization travel on a preposition request to be cleared has been fixed.
- The Organizations tab on the Airport screen is now correctly updated each time an airport is selected in the grid.
- Reassignment of a resource from the Incident Resources screen for a resource that has been updated to a status of Reserved in another session is no longer allowed.
- A bug causing the NESS Application Portal (NAP) website to not be launched when a user's password is about to expire has been corrected.

Additional Changes

- The ROSS client has been changed to make only one attempt to connect to the server, rather than automatically making a second attempt if the first one fails. Additional attempts can be made by clicking the OK button on the login screen.
- Logging of ROSS client session information has been improved. This logging is not visible in the application but will be used for monitoring and troubleshooting of the system.
- The ROSS client installer is now digitally signed such that it will show a Publisher of “USDA-Forest Service” when it is run (rather than Publisher is Unknown).