



USDA Forest Service & Department of the Interior LANDFIRE Data Product Review Website



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Subject: LANDFIRE's Data Product Review Website
Conterminous United States, Alaska, and Hawaii
December, 2016 – January, 2017 Invite to Critique Website and provide feedback
February, 2017 – March, 2017 Invite to Geo Area Webinars for group feedback

To: Interested Individuals (Ecologists, Fuel Specialists, Fire Operations, Fire Planners, Fire Ecologists, Foresters, Range Conservationists, Wildlife Biologists, Planners, etc.)

We are excited to announce that the LANDFIRE program has implemented a Data Product Review Website. Last year we started this as a Fire Behavior Fuel Model (FBFM) Guidebook-Database but, based on user feedback, expanded the scope of this effort beyond FBFMs to include vegetation and disturbances. This review website is framed in a content management system to help guide people through a review of the Existing Vegetation Types (EVT), FBFM & mapping rules, and unknown disturbances.

First, we want to thank all who participated and provided comments at the April, 2016 International Association of Wildland Fire Conference workshop and the subsequent virtual webinars we held from April to June, 2016. We heard you and have worked to address the key issues of website functionality and are proud of the progress. On the next page a table shows the status of your top 10 recommendations. Many other functions you recommended have also been implemented. Your feedback has been the foundation for our current progress.

We invite you to access the website and submit your critique comments at <https://landfire.nkn.uidaho.edu>. If you do not have a user login you may request one at the website. Specific comments about EVTs, FBFMs, and disturbances can be entered on their respective pages. In the spirit of continued improvement of the website, there is an easy place to provide general comments about the website and its functionality on the right hand side of the home page.

Lastly, we are also contacting you and providing information for the next round of webinars which will be conducted next year. This time webinars are being structured around the data (Existing Vegetation Type (EVT) and FBFM instead of geographic areas but organized for East, West, Alaska, and Hawaii. The webinars will start in February and finish by March of 2017. Each webinar will be scheduled for three hours in length but may take less time depending on participants and discussion. On the next page is information to REGISTER for the planned webinars. Please REGISTER early for the webinar to ensure your access and block out the time on your calendar.

Registration Information

Please become an authorized user as early as possible (and preferably in advance of the webinars) by sending an email to: landfire@northwestknowledge.net. Once you are an authorized user, please visit <https://landfire.nkn.uidaho.edu/> and view the Home page and User's Manual page where you can learn more about the site and how to provide comments.

Top Recommendations

Function	Status
Users able to see previous comments and download table; ability to edit and delete comments	Users can read all comments, edit and delete their own comments; ability to download table of comments
User able to search for a place name; disable zoom out, identify point latitude/longitude, identify pixel EVTF & FBFM40; integration with Google Earth (GE)	All options added except polygon integration with GE kml/kmz. Parallel use with GE for polygon integration addressed in Application Guide.
Comment form for FBFM40 pixel group auto-fill and user fill; similar comment form for EVTF pixel group auto-fill and user fill; user able to download their data	FBFM40 auto-fill and user-fill form complete; EVTF auto-fill and user-fill form in progress; ability to download comment table in Excel
Comment form for EVTF / FBFM 40 & 13 rule similar to the LF Total Fuel Change Map Tool	EVT/FBFM Rule comment form in development. Planned for release January, 2017
Manage screen space by moving, minimize, or exit tables	Can move, minimize, exit, or disable tables
Base Map Options – add EVTF and FBFM40; map adjacent zones	EVT, FBFM40, and disturbance years added to base map options; adjacent zone function added; zone boundaries on base maps at all zoom scales
EVTF number, name, area sort options	Sort options added
Existing Vegetation Intro Page comparable to Fuel Model Intro Page; Zone EVT/FBFM40 Rule Difference Queries available for Users; Compare spreadsheet available for Users	Review draft release January 2017; final draft release following 2017 Webinars.
Website function user guide, Application Workflow User Guide, How-to Videos; 2016 Report	User Guide currently available; Application Guide draft December 2016; final draft release following 2017 Webinars
Add Alaska and Hawaii	Alaska and Hawaii added

Webinar Schedule

Layer	Webinar Date	Time
EVT/Disturbances West	Thursday 2/2/2017	11am to 2pm Mountain
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6816092861973957635		Webinar ID: 763-032-003
EVT/Disturbances East	Thursday 2/9/2017	2pm to 5pm Eastern
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6792068532907095811		Webinar ID: 763-162-579
EVT/Disturbances AK	Thursday 2/16/2017	10am to 1pm Alaska
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/750650161487341315		Webinar ID: 763-455-707
EVT/Disturbances HI	Thursday 2/23/2017	8am to 11am Hawaii
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2252258689188829185		Webinar ID: 651-833-643
FBFM/Disturbances West	Thursday 3/2/2017	11am to 2pm Mountain
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6423881671273347841		Webinar ID: 243-121-419
FBFM/Disturbances East	Thursday 3/9/2017	1 to 4pm Eastern
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4949952249379195905		Webinar ID: 836-623-523
FBFM/Disturbances Alaska	Thursday 3/16/2017	9am to 12pm Alaska
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/507437090001475841		Webinar ID: 919-151-667
FBFM/Disturbances Hawaii	Thursday 3/23/2017	9am to 12pm Hawaii
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6768205832139420929		Webinar ID: 368-512-395

Wendel Hann and Linda Tedrow of the University of Idaho are leading and working on this effort. Many of the LANDFIRE staff contributed in some manner to this effort. Please contact Wendel if you would like more information at wendelhann@gmail.com or 575-519-9734 or visit http://www.landfire.gov/lf_opportunities.php

This website, knowledge gained from your reviews, and enhancements in mapping are very important for both science and management implications. We greatly appreciate your willingness to participate in this LANDFIRE project.

Sincerely,

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