



Dear Partners and Stakeholders,

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LANDFIRE is an interagency vegetation, fire, and fuel characteristics mapping program, sponsored by the United States Departments of Agriculture, Forest Service and the Department of the Interior (www.landfire.gov). LANDFIRE'S mission is to provide agency leaders and managers with a common "all-lands" data set of vegetation and wildland fire/fuels information. The data products are comprised of important biological and ecological characteristics that support landscape assessment, analysis, and management decisions. Applications may include, but are not limited to, identification of areas with similar characteristics, prioritization exercises, modeling, and improving collaboration between landowners with common data sets and analytics. To ensure this data is current LANDFIRE relies heavily on data contributions for mapping improvements and updates. It is again that time of year to send a reminder or introduce this data contribution opportunity. Do you manage or coordinate vegetation or landscape data sets such as disturbance/treatment polygons or field plot/transect data? If so, the LANDFIRE Program needs your data.

LANDFIRE Data Needs:

Primary focus - Polygon Disturbance and Treatment Activities that occurred in 2017

LANDFIRE uses recent disturbance and treatment data to inform updates to existing vegetation and fuel layers. Examples of these types of data are listed in Table 1. Requested attributes (required and optional/important) are listed in Table 2. For more information visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php.

Table 1: Disturbance/ Treatment Types

Disturbance Types
Wildfires
Weather Damage
Insects & Disease
Development
Treatment Types
Harvest/Thinning
Mechanical
Prescribed Fires
Seeding/Planting
Chemical

Table 2: Requested Attributes

Attributes: Required
Disturbance/Treatment type
Disturbance/Treatment year
Attributes: Optional/Important
Disturbance/Treatment name
Start Date
End date
Severity
Reporting entity/agency
Notes (e.g., effects on veg. or fuel)

Secondary focus – Vegetation/Fuel Plot Data

LANDFIRE benefits from contributions of any point or polygon vegetation or fuel plot data. LANDFIRE relies on user contributed plot data for training sites for remapping projects. The official Remap data submission deadline has passed, but please feel free to submit your plot data. Data submissions may be used as schedules allow or will be archived for future use. For more information on LANDFIRE's plot data needs visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_plot.php.

LANDFIRE also welcomes feedback information on current data products. Submit feedback through the LANDFIRE helpdesk at <https://www.landfire.gov/contactus.php>. Additional information about feedback contributions can be found at http://www.landfire.gov/participate_feedback.php

Data Submissions, Contributions, and Thanks:

LANDFIRE collects and welcomes data submissions on an annual basis throughout the year. *The data submission deadline is **March 31, 2018 for this data call.*** Data submitted before March 31 are evaluated for inclusion in the next mapping project and submissions after March 31 are typically considered in subsequent efforts. For more information visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata.php or contact Brenda Lundberg, LANDFIRE Reference Data Administrator, brenda.lundberg.ctr@usgs.gov, (406) 329-3405.

LANDFIRE also acquires data from websites and agency data base systems. For a list of these sources see the "Website Agency DB" spreadsheet at http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php.

For a list of past data contributions and to ensure your data have been received and incorporated in the database see the "Compiled Data" spreadsheet at http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php.

Locally provided landscape data does impact LANDFIRE and evidence is available for review at http://www.landfire.gov/lf_impacts.php. LANDFIRE thanks those who have contributed data in the past and is again asking for your help to enhance and improve LANDFIRE products through your contributions.

