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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Grazing Allotment and Pastures Spatial Data Standard

**Program Area:** Range Management

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum establishes the spatial data standards for grazing allotments and pastures. The data standard defines how this type of data is to be captured in a geographic information system (geodatabase), defines attributes used, and defines coding schemes (domains). The data standard can be found at:

[http://www.or.blm.gov/datamanagement/standards/ds\\_gra.htm](http://www.or.blm.gov/datamanagement/standards/ds_gra.htm).

An edit guide has also been developed which can be found at:

<http://www.or.blm.gov/gis/projects/geodb-proj.asp?geodb=GRA>.

**Policy/Action:** This data standard and edit guide are to be followed for all grazing allotment and pasture geospatial data.

**Timeframe:** This data standard is effective immediately.

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Background:** The existing grazing allotment dataset has been converted to a geodatabase format. This required a few minor changes in the data standard.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** This Instruction Memorandum supersedes Instruction Memorandum No. OR-2004-043.

**Coordination:** The original data standard was developed by a team of range management specialists in Oregon/Washington field offices with assistance from geographic information system specialists and Data Administration. The changes needed to implement grazing

allotments as a geodatabase were minor, and no formal review was conducted (although informal discussions and communications between impacted geographic information system specialists and range management staff were conducted). This standard was also coordinated to be consistent with a national data standard for grazing allotments and pastures that is being developed. This standard was also coordinated with the Forest Service, Region 6, and found to be consistent with the national Forest Service standard for similar data.

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**Districts with Unions** are reminded to notify their unions of this Instruction Memorandum and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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