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To: All DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Weeds Spatial Data Standard

Program Area: Noxious and Invasive Weeds

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

http://www.or.blm.gov/datamanagement/standards/ds_weeds.htm.

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

http://www.or.blm.gov/gis/content/projects/WEEDS_EditGuideForSDE.pdf.

Policy/Action: This data standard and edit guide are to be followed for all weed location geospatial data.

Timeframe: This data standard is effective immediately.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: The existing Weeds data set 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 weed specialists in Oregon/Washington field offices with assistance from GIS specialists and Data Administration. The changes needed to implement weeds as a geodatabase were minor, and no formal review

was conducted (although informal discussions and communications between impacted GIS specialists and weeds specialists were conducted). 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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