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To: All District Managers

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Aquatic Restoration Reporting - 2007 Accomplishment Data DD: 04/11/2008

Program Area: All programs involved with aquatic restoration.

Purpose: Annual reporting of aquatic restoration data (information on projects completed for the primary purpose of improving aquatic conditions) into the Interagency Restoration Database (IRDA) for calendar year 2007 is due by April 11, 2008. Any district that has not yet fully reported its accomplishments for calendar years 1998-2006 should report or revise them at this time as well.

IRDA data are used to respond to other agency and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Washington Office data requests, Government Accountability Office audits, Congressional inquiries, etc. Additionally, your IRDA information is increasingly utilized in State and Federal reporting. For example, the State of Oregon has used IRDA information for several years in its biennial reports (see The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, 2005-07 Biennial Report, <http://oregon.gov/oweb/publications.shtml>). The State of Washington Governor's Office used IRDA data in preparing its Report on the State of Salmon in Watersheds (2006) (www.governor.wa.gov/gvro). These documents illustrate and reinforce the important role of Federal land managers as partners in salmon and water quality recovery. To continue building our partnerships with the States and others, it is important to report complete and accurate accomplishment information.

Policy/Action: Data are to be reported using IRDA, which was converted into ArcGIS in 2005. Each district should enter their aquatic restoration data following the system documentation found at ftp://ftpint.or.blm.gov/gisweb/pdf/IRDA_Edit_Guide.pdf

Data entry does not have to be completed by a biologist or hydrologist, but it should be accomplished by individuals that have had ArcGIS training. Restoration data must be compiled by field personnel knowledgeable of the restoration activities that have occurred in their area.

Timeframe: This IM is effective immediately.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: IRDA was converted to ArcGIS in 2005 in order to make the system easier to use by and more accessible to the field units. All legacy data in IRDA were migrated to the new geo-database. In 2006, the OR/WA BLM IRDA Edit Guide and Data Dictionary was updated to include the contributing agency in the costs table and agency domain.

The Oregon State Office will take responsibility for the production of all database reports to outside agencies. However, the field units now have the capability to produce their own district reports and link their data to other existing coverages such as GTRN, FAMS, etc.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None.

Coordination: This request has been coordinated with the USDA Forest Service, Region 6, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and within the Division of Resource Use, Planning and Protection (OR-930). Advanced notification of this data request was sent to all District Offices on February 20, 2008.

Contact: Please direct programmatic questions to Duane Dippon (OR-933) at 503-808-6014 or Al Doelker (OR-931) at 503-808-6067. Direct any technical or database management questions to BLM Online Support via email ticket.

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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