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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Resource Area Boundaries Spatial Data Standard

Program Area: Geographic Sciences

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum establishes the spatial data standard for Resource Area Boundaries (Attachment 2). 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 Resource Area Boundaries lines and polygons have been added to the corporate spatial data editing system. The data can now be edited (see the data standard for the appropriate times and reasons for edits to be made) by approved field personnel following established procedures and is available for display and analytical purposes by all users.

Policy/Action: This data standard is to be followed for all Resource Area Boundary geospatial data. The Resource Area Boundary data should be reviewed by all field offices and any needed corrections and/or additions made through established editing procedures.

Timeframe: This data standard is effective immediately.

Budget Impact: None

Background: All offices have a need for accurate and up-to-date spatial data for Resource Area Boundaries. In order for that to happen the data needs to be standardized so it can be made available in the corporate edit environment. This data standard should be used in conjunction with the data standard for Oceans as oceans form the westernmost land edge of Oregon/Washington (OR/WA). The Resource Area Boundaries data can also be used (by dissolving interior lines) to show district office boundaries or the boundary for OR/WA.
Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None

Coordination: This standard was reviewed by all OR/WA offices. The comments received and any actions taken are analyzed in Attachment 1. This standard was also coordinated with the Forest Service, Region 6, for consistency and compatibility with Forest Service data of the same type.

Contact: If you have any questions, please contact Corey Plank, State Data Steward, at 503-808-6145; Pamela Keller, GIS Technical Support, at 541-573-4486; or Stanley Frazier, State Data Administrator, at 503-808-6009.

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.

Signed by  
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2 Attachments
1 – Resource Area Boundaries Analysis of Comments (1 p)
2 – Resource Area Boundaries Spatial Data Standard (18 pp)

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