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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: Chief, Branch of Information Resources Management

Subject: Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Spatial Data Standard Revision

This information bulletin (IB) announces the availability of a newly revised Oregon/Washington spatial data standard for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The data standard defines how this type of data is to be captured in a Geographic Information System (GIS) (geodatabase), defines attributes used, and defines coding schemes (domains). The ACEC lines and polygons have been added to the corporate spatial data editing system. The data can now be edited by approved field personnel following established procedures. This data is also available for display and analytical purposes by all users.

This data standard is to be followed for all ACEC geospatial data. These are boundaries established by Resource Management Plans or Resource Management Plan Amendments. To see the full ACEC data standard, go to:

http://www.blm.gov/or/datamanagement/files/ACEC_Revised_Data_Standard.pdf

The original data standard for ACECs has been in place roughly four years. Experience using that standard helped identify some areas where improvements could be made.

This standard was reviewed by State Office and field ACEC and GIS specialists. To see comments and responses, contact Stan Frazier, at 503-808-6009, or sfrazier@blm.gov.

Any questions or comments about this standard can be directed either to Mark Mousseaux, State Data Steward for ACECs, at 541-618-2232; 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 IB and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you with assistance in this matter.

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