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Instruction Memorandum No. OR-2006-039
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To: All District Managers

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Aquatic Restoration Reporting - 2005 Accomplishment Data DD: 06/09/2006

Program Area: All programs involved with aquatic restoration.

Purpose: In a Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management (BLM) joint document (Forest Service 2500/BLM Information Bulletin No. OR-99-105) dated January 19, 1999, you were informed of intergovernmental agreements to collect and track consistent core data for aquatic restoration project reporting. The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum is to notify field units that the annual reporting of aquatic restoration data (projects completed for the primary purpose of improving aquatic conditions) into the Interagency Restoration Database (IRDA) for calendar year 2005 is due by June 9, 2006. We ask that any district that has not yet fully reported their accomplishments for calendar years 1998-2004 report or revise them at this time as well.

This data will be used to support Endangered Species Act (ESA) recovery planning for listed Pacific salmon species in Oregon and Washington. The decision not to list or remove a species from ESA protection will be based in part on the contributions BLM aquatic restoration efforts have on improving the status of the species, and IRDA data will assist in this determination. It will also be used to respond to other agency and BLM Washington Office data requests, Government Accounting Office audits, Congressional inquiries, etc. Additionally, your IRDA information is increasingly utilized in State and Federal reporting. An excellent example is the utilization of IRDA information by the State of Oregon for several years in their biennial reports (see The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, 2003-05 Biennial Report, <http://oregon.gov/oweb/publications.shtml>). Another example of the use of this data is the State of Washington Governor's Office 2004 Report on the State of Salmon in Watersheds (www.governor.wa.gov/gsro). 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 other partners, it is important to provide a complete and accurate picture of our annual accomplishments.

Policy/Action: Data is to be reported using the Interagency Aquatic Restoration Database recently converted into ArcGIS. The new geodatabase contains the same core attributes as the Interagency Restoration Database it replaces. Each district should enter their aquatic restoration data following the attached system documentation.

The inputting of data does not have to be completed by a biologist or hydrologist but 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. When compiling and

entering the data, please pay particular attention to completing the culvert improvements (fish passage restoration) information.

Timeframe: This Instruction Memorandum is effective immediately.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: The IRDA has been converted to ArcGIS in order to make the system easier to use and more accessible to field units. No changes were made to the data structure during the conversion, and no new data elements have been added. In addition, all legacy data in IRDA has been migrated to the new geodatabase. Responsibility for the production of all database reports to outside agencies will be with the Oregon State Office. However, the field units now have the capability to produce their own district reports and link their data to other existing coverages such as the Ground Transportation Network (GTRN), Facility Assessment Management System (FAMS), etc.

Training: The State Office will be hosting a netmeeting and conference call to demonstrate the new ArcGIS IRDA tools on May 17, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. This demonstration will show IRDA users how to use the new system in ArcGIS to query and create IRDA data. A basic understanding of ArcGIS will be required to use the new IRDA tools. The netmeeting is limited to 15 callers so each district should call in from one location in their office. If you have any questions, you can contact Al Doelker at 503-808-6067 before May 17, 2006.

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 Planning, Use and Protection. Advanced notification of this data requested was sent to all District Offices on April 7, 2006.

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 the OR/WA Help Desk 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.

Signed by
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1 Attachment

1 - [OR/WA BLM IRDA Edit Guide and Data Dictionary](#) (30pp)

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