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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Visual Resource Spatial Data Standard

**Program Area:** Visual Resources (VR).

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum establishes the spatial data standards for VR (see attachment). 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 VR family of data (VR inventory polygons, VR management polygons and lines) 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. This data is also now available for display and analytical purposes by all users.

**Policy/Action:** This data standard is to be followed for all VR geospatial data.

**Timeframe:** This data standard is effective immediately.

**Budget Impact:** None. Field offices have been maintaining a local copy of VR data and this merely shifts that work to the corporate environment.

**Background:** Field offices have a need to edit existing spatial data for VR. In order for that to happen the data needs to be standardized so it can be made available to the field in the corporate edit environment.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** None.

**Coordination:** This standard was reviewed by field VR and Geographic Information System Specialists. Some minor changes to the draft standard were made as a result of this review. 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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1 Attachment

1 – [Visual Resources Spatial Data Standard](#) (20 pp)

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