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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Wilderness Characteristics Spatial Data Standard

Program Area: Wilderness Management

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum establishes the spatial data standard for Wilderness Characteristics (see 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 Wilderness Characteristics 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. 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 Wilderness Characteristics geospatial data.

Timeframe: This data standard is effective immediately.

Budget Impact: None

Background: Field offices have a need to edit existing (or add new) spatial data for Wilderness Characteristics. 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 Wilderness and Geographic Information System Specialists. Some minor changes to the draft standard were made as result of this review (see 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.

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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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2 Attachments
1 - Analysis of Comments on Draft Wilderness Characteristics Spatial Data Standard (1 pp)
2 – Wilderness Characteristics Spatial Data Standard (25 pp)

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