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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs  
From: Chief, Branch of Information Resources Management  
Subject: Wilderness Study Areas Spatial Data Standard

This Information Bulletin (IB) announces the availability of a newly revised Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) spatial data standard for Wilderness Study Areas (WSA). The data standard defines how this type of data is to be captured and maintained in a Geographic Information System (GIS) geodatabase, defines attributes used, and defines coding schemes (domains). This data standard is to be followed for all WSA geospatial data. The relationship of this dataset to designated Wilderness, to wilderness characteristics inventory and to the national BLM data standard for National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) units is described in the data standard. To see the full WSA data standard, go to:

[http://www.blm.gov/or/datamanagement/files/Wilderness\\_Study\\_Areas\\_Spatial\\_Data\\_Standard.pdf](http://www.blm.gov/or/datamanagement/files/Wilderness_Study_Areas_Spatial_Data_Standard.pdf)

This IB supersedes Instruction Memorandum IM-OR-2011-055. The changes include additional text describing maintenance protocols, minor corrections to the text and the addition of an attribute containing GIS-calculated acres. Changes were approved by the State Data Administrator and State Data Steward.

Any questions or comments about this standard can be directed to Jerry Magee, State Data Steward for Wilderness, at 503-808-6086, Erin Frostad, GIS Technical Lead, at 503-808-6524 or Pamela Keller, acting OR/WA 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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