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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: Chief, Branch of Information Resources Management

Subject: Spatial Data Standard for Forest Operations Inventory Vegetation

This information bulletin (IB) announces the new Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) spatial data standard for Forest Operations Inventory Vegetation (FOIVEG\_POLY). This data set is used predominantly by the Micro\*Storms application and includes and uses related table data from the Western Oregon Micro\*Storms (M\*S) system to describe forest vegetation. The data standard defines how this type of data is to be captured in a Geographic Information System (GIS). It also defines the geodatabase, attributes used, and coding schemes (domains). Forest Operations Inventory Vegetation represents information related to western Oregon BLM lands. It is a forest-centric classification of vegetation which describes forested lands in great detail and non-forest lands with broad and general classifications. This data is also available for display and analytical purposes by all users.

An earlier IB (OR-2015-032) provided a draft of the data standard and a draft geodatabase for a statewide review period. A few minor changes were made based on comments received.

To see the full Forest Operations Inventory Vegetation data standard, go to:

[http://www.blm.gov/or/datamanagement/files/FOI\\_Vegetation\\_Spatial\\_Data\\_Standard.pdf](http://www.blm.gov/or/datamanagement/files/FOI_Vegetation_Spatial_Data_Standard.pdf)

The data will be moved into the OR/WA statewide corporate spatial database and made available for transactional editing through the Micro\*Storms application.

Any questions or comments about this standard can be directed to Dan Couch, State Data Steward for FOIVEG, at 541-464-3215; Dana Baker-Allum GIS Technical Lead, at 503-808-6320; or Kristen Wobbe, GIS Specialist Data Management, at 503-808-6467.

**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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