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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: Chief, Branch of Information Resources Management

Subject: Visual Resources Spatial Data Standard

This Information Bulletin (IB) announces the renewal of the Oregon/Washington spatial data standard for Visual Resources. The data standard defines how this type of data is to be captured in a Geographic Information System (GIS) geodatabase, defines attributes used, and defines coding schemes (domains). This dataset contains Visual Resource Inventory (VRI) as well as Visual Resource Management (VRM) classes designated through the Bureau of Land Management's landscape Resource Management Plans (RMPs) including proposed VRM developed in the planning process.

This IB supersedes Instruction Memorandum IM-OR-2007-032. Changes included addition of the VRI_AREA_ID attribute which enabled the incorporation of VRI collected for western Oregon districts in 2012. In addition, the ALTERNATIVE attribute was split into four attributes for potential alternatives A through D. Minor grammatical, typographical and format errors were also fixed. The changes were approved by the State Data Steward and State Data Administrator.

The VRI polygons and VRM polygons and perimeter lines are available for editing and update in the corporate spatial data editing system. This data is also available for display and analytical purposes by all users. This data standard is to be followed for all Visual Resources geospatial data. To see the full data standard, go to:

http://www.blm.gov/or/datamanagement/files/Visual_Resources_Spatial_Data_Standard.pdf

Any questions or comments about this standard can be directed either to Jerry Magee, State Data Steward for Visual Resources, at (503) 808-6086, Craig Ducey, GIS Technical Lead, at (503) 808-6419, or Pamela Keller, at pkeller@blm.gov.

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