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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: Chief, Branch of Information Resources Management

Subject: Review of Draft Spatial Data Standard for Forest Operations Inventory Vegetation

This information bulletin (IB) announces the new Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) draft spatial data standard for Forest Operations Inventory Vegetation (FOIVEG_POLY). 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 set includes and uses related table data from the Western Oregon Micro*Storms (M*S) system to describe forest vegetation. The draft 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). Please provide your comments by April 3, 2015.

The State Data Steward is Dan Couch, at 541-464-3215, and the GIS Technical Lead is Dana Baker-Allum, at 503-808-6320. Questions about the data standard can be directed to them or to Kristen Wobbe. Please provide your comments to Kristen Wobbe, at 503-808-6467, or email kwobbe@blm.gov.

A draft geodatabase has been developed for you to use in your review process. It can be found at P:\oso\MicroStorms_Redesign\Review_Materials\FOIVEG_POLY_Draft.gdb

Also available is a sample draft publication dataset (also referenced in the draft standard). It can be found at P:\oso\MicroStorms_Redesign\Review_Materials\FOIVEG_Publication_Dataset.gdb

To see the draft data standard, go to:

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

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

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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