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To: All Assistant Directors, State Directors, and Center Directors

From: State Director  
Lead State Director, Sonoran Desert Rapid Ecoregional Assessment

Subject: Release of the Sonoran Desert Rapid Ecoregional Assessment Information

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to acknowledge the availability of data-related products in and produced by the Sonoran Desert Rapid Ecoregional Assessment (REA). These REA products are released for internal and external use subject to proprietary data restrictions and the disclaimer described below.

The REA reports and associated geospatial data represent regional scale information and models about resources and change agents. This information is non-decisional, but does provide context for cross-jurisdictional, multi-scale resource discussions, potential future conditions, and the basis to prioritize additional information needs.

## INFORMATION AVAILABILITY

### REA Report

A press release will announce the availability of the peer-reviewed REA report, which describes the data-related products used in and produced by the REA. Once announced, the report will be available on the REA website at:

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape\\_Approach/reas.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape_Approach/reas.html)

Certified datasets and related products may be released prior to the report announcement.

### REA Data-Related Products

Attachment 1 describes the REA data-related products released with this IB and provides a hyperlink to the online REA Data Portal where data products can be accessed. Within the portal, the Data Catalog and Map Catalog list currently available data-related products.

Additional data-related products will be added to the REA Data Portal as they become available for release.

Internal Access – Bureau of Land Management (BLM):

BLM access to the data-related products will be through the BLM’s Enterprise Geographic Information System and the REA Data Portal, which will be available through the Rapid Ecoregional Assessment website at:

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape\\_Approach/reas.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape_Approach/reas.html)

The entire organization will have the ability to discover, analyze, use, and share all non-proprietary information.

External Access – All Public Users:

Data-related products approved for release will be available to the public through the REA Data Portal, which is accessed through the REA website at:

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape\\_Approach/reas.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape_Approach/reas.html)

This portal will provide access to mapping products, certified data, models, and derived products. The metadata will be posted in Federal Geographic Data Committee nodes to allow harvesting of the data through nationally recognized geospatial portals.

External Access – REA Named Collaborators:

In addition to the services listed above in the “All Public Users” section, REA-named collaborators will have restricted access to terminal services (e.g., access to ArcMap and ArcCatalog) upon request. Requests must be submitted to the Assessment Management Team (AMT) lead for each REA by the named collaborator.

**Disclaimer:** The following disclaimer statements are applied to the BLM data generated under contract for the Rapid Ecoregional Assessment. For Public records (external distribution) and those discretionary/enhanced records (Electronic products available for online viewing and/or hardcopy output available to the public.) the following disclaimers shall be used:

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The information contained in the data is dynamic and may change over time. The data is not better than the original sources from which they were derived, and both scale and accuracy may vary across the data set. The data may not have the accuracy, resolution, completeness, timeliness, or other characteristics appropriate for applications that potential users of the data may contemplate. The user is encouraged to carefully consider the content of the metadata file associated with the data. The data is neither legal documents nor land surveys, and must not be used as such. Official records may be referenced at most BLM offices. Please report any errors in the data to the BLM office for which it was obtained.

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For questions or further information, please contact Elroy Masters, Fish and Wildlife Program Lead, at 602-417-9346.

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1 Attachment:

1 – [National Operations Center Data Review Certification Form](#) (2 pp)

**BLM Data Certification**

Date - 01/16/2013

Dataset Name – Sonoran Desert Rapid Ecoregional Assessment Dataset

National Business Data Steward(s) –

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**Dataset(s) Description** - These datasets include data related products (e.g., maps, models, datasets) resulting from the Sonoran Desert Rapid Ecoregional Assessment (SOD REA), as listed in the SOD Data Catalog and Map Catalog which can be accessed online through the REA Data Portal, [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape\\_Approach/reas/dataportal.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape_Approach/reas/dataportal.html). These datasets are intended to be shared publicly by the Bureau of Land Management upon final approval of the SOD REA by the respective Assessment Management Team (AMT) Lead and Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

The data being published externally or made available for sharing/download will not be updated on a regular basis. There are no scheduled updates for these datasets.

**Additional Business Data steward Comments** – The data and metadata review for these datasets was conducted by the NOC REA Data Team with final approval by the REA's AMT Lead and the COR. The data quality report for these datasets was produced by the NOC REA Data Team.

These datasets have been reviewed -  YES NO

The metadata has been reviewed -  YES NO

The data quality report has been reviewed -  YES NO

The data are to be published internally -  YES NO  
Internal publication has the data made available to all BLM employees.

The data can be shared with partners -  YES NO

The data are to be published externally -  YES NO  
External publication will make the data available for viewing to the public and all partners.

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