



Dear Partners and Stakeholders,

Fall 2016

Consistency, currency, and innovation are hallmarks of the LANDFIRE program. Thanks to all our colleagues who have contributed to LANDFIRE's success. It is again that time of year to send a reminder or introduce this data contribution opportunity. Do you manage or coordinate vegetation or landscape data sets such as disturbance/treatment polygons or field plot/transect data? If so, the LANDFIRE Program needs your data. LANDFIRE is an interagency vegetation, fire, and fuel characteristics mapping program, sponsored by the United States Departments of Agriculture, Forest Service and the Department of the Interior (www.landfire.gov). LANDFIRE data serve as important data sets for planning, analysis, and reporting for natural resources and fire.

LANDFIRE Data Needs:

Primary focus:

Polygon Disturbance and Treatment Activities that occurred in 2015/2016

LANDFIRE uses recent disturbance and treatment data to inform biennial updates to existing vegetation and fuel layers. At a minimum, the disturbance/treatment polygons must be attributed by disturbance/treatment type and year of occurrence. For more information visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php.

Lidar Data

The LANDFIRE remap effort will be systematically utilizing airborne lidar data collections for the first time to develop models of vegetation structure. As such, LANDFIRE is searching for and gathering as many lidar data collections as possible to aid in model generation. Any contributions of lidar data or leads on potential sources of local lidar datasets will be very useful in this effort and should greatly improve the quality of vegetation structure maps in those areas. If data are publically available please provide links and/or contact information for obtaining the data. If local data exist but are not publically accessible, please contact the LANDFIRE Reference Data Administrator to determine the best method for transferring these data to LANDFIRE.

Secondary focus: Vegetation/Fuel Plot Data

LANDFIRE benefits from contributions of any point or polygon vegetation or fuel plot data. LANDFIRE relies on user contributed plot data for training sites for remapping projects. The official LF2015 Remap data submission deadline has passed, but please feel free to submit your plot data. LANDFIRE may try to incorporate additional data sets as time and production schedules allow or data submissions will be archived for future use. For more information on LANDFIRE's plot data needs visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_plot.php.

Tertiary focus: Feedback Information

LANDFIRE welcomes feedback information. Visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_feedback.php for details or submit feedback through the new LANDFIRE Data Product Review website <https://landfire.nkn.uidaho.edu/>.

Data Submissions, Contributions, and Thanks:

LANDFIRE collects and welcomes data submissions on an annual basis throughout the year. *The data submission deadline is **March 31, 2017** for this data call.* Data submitted before March 31 are evaluated for inclusion in the next update, and submissions after March 31 are typically considered in subsequent efforts. We'll do our best to include your data. Please submit your data today! For more information visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata.php or contact Brenda Lundberg, LANDFIRE Reference Data Administrator, brenda.lundberg.ctr@usgs.gov, (406) 329-3405.

LANDFIRE also acquires data from websites and agency data base systems. For a list of these sources see the "Website Agency DB" spreadsheet at http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php.

For a list of past data contributions and to ensure your data have been received and incorporated in the database see the "Compiled Data" spreadsheet at http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php.

Locally provided landscape data does impact LANDFIRE and evidence is available for review at http://www.landfire.gov/lf_impacts.php. LANDFIRE thanks those who have contributed data in the past and is again asking for your help to enhance and improve LANDFIRE products through your contributions.

