



Dear Colleague,

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LANDFIRE (Landscape Fire and Resource Management Planning Tools) is an interagency vegetation, fire, and fuel characteristics mapping program, sponsored by the United States Department of the Interior (DOI) and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (www.landfire.gov). LANDFIRE has produced consistent, comprehensive data describing vegetation, fire, and fuel characteristics across the nation. Similar to past years, LF is asking for your help to enhance and improve the LANDFIRE data products. *Our primary focus for the next data draw is to collect disturbance and treatment polygon data that occurred during 2011. Secondly your point data would be valuable.*

What types of data are needed?

LANDFIRE uses recent disturbance and treatment data to update layers in areas where vegetation and fuel have changed, thereby keeping the data as current as possible. Examples of these data along with relevant attributes are listed in Table 1. At a minimum, the disturbance/treatment polygons must be attributed by disturbance or event type and year of occurrence. For more information please visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php.

LANDFIRE also benefits from contributions of any geo-referenced point or polygon vegetation or fuel plot data along with any associated digital photos, project descriptions, or final reports. For more information on LANDFIRE's plot data needs please visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_plot.php.

Table 1. Categories of spatial data & attributes needed

Category	Event Type	Attributes *Required
Fire	Wildfires	Event ID
	Prescribed Fires	Event type *
Disturbances	Insects & Disease	Event name
	Weather Damage	Year of event *
Treatments	Harvest/Thinning	Start date
	Other Mechanical	End date
	Seeding/Planting	Event severity
Data / Information	Chemical	Reporting entity (e.g., FS, NPS, BLM, FWS)
	Burnable Agricultural Lands	Notes (e.g., effects on veg. or fuel)
	Exotic Plant Species	

Is there anything new this year?

LANDFIRE is interested in information and/or data for LIDAR. If you manage or know of these data and they are not part of the USGS Center for LIDAR Information Coordination and Knowledge (CLICK) database http://lidar.cr.usgs.gov/lidar_viewer/ please contact us about sharing your data. Also, if you have local coverages of geospatial data of vegetation or fuels we would be interested in receiving copies of those databases.

What is the data submission deadline?

Data can be submitted at any time of the year convenient to the contributor. LANDFIRE will draw all available data on **November 15 of each year**. Data submitted before November 15 will be evaluated for incorporation into the next scheduled LANDFIRE update cycle. Data submitted after November 15 will be evaluated for subsequent LANDFIRE updates.

How can you verify LANDFIRE has your data?

LANDFIRE would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has contributed data. LANDFIRE has created a "Compiled Data" spreadsheet available at http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php where you can verify if we have your data. LANDFIRE also acquires data from web-based data clearing houses and corporate data base systems. A list of sites from which LANDFIRE collects data can be found in the "Website Agency DB" spreadsheet available at http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php. If your data are stored on one of these websites or agency databases, verify 2011 data are posted to ensure it will be evaluated for potential use in the next LANDFIRE update.

How do I submit data to LANDFIRE and/or who should I contact if I have questions?

For a step by step process on submitting data please visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php. Please contact Brenda Lundberg, the LANDFIRE Reference Data Administrator, at blundberg@usgs.gov or at (406) 329-3405 for support or questions. For general information about LANDFIRE, please visit www.landfire.gov or email the help desk at helpdesk@landfire.gov.

