



Fall 2019

Dear Partners and Stakeholders,

LANDFIRE (LF) 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). LF products support landscape assessment, analysis, and management decisions. To ensure these products are current, LF relies heavily on data contributions for mapping improvements and updates. It is again that time of year to send a reminder or introduce this data contribution opportunity.

Data Submission Deadline Changes:

LANDFIRE is positioning itself to transition back to an update schedule (potentially in 2021). As shared in the 2018 data call letter, LF is asking for data to be submitted earlier than in the past to potentially allow LF to produce new products on an annual basis, thus providing more current data. This letter is focused on CY 2019 disturbance and treatment activities but other polygon and plot data from 2017 and 2018 that were not previously submitted to LF or other federal databases are also welcome.

All data contributions need to meet [LF requirements](#). As LF transitions to the update schedule, data submitted by **November 30, 2019**, will be guaranteed to be included in the update. After November 30, all remaining data can still be provided until **March 31, 2020**. After the deadline, please note that LF welcomes data contributions throughout the year and will use these data as schedules allow or to be archived for future use.

For more information visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata.php. Data submissions and questions can be sent to Brenda Lundberg, LANDFIRE Reference Data Administrator, blundberg@contractor.usgs.gov, (406) 329-3405.

LANDFIRE Data Needs:

Primary focus - Polygon Disturbance and Treatment Activities that occurred in CY 2019

LF uses recent disturbance and treatment data to update map layers in areas where vegetation and fuel have changed, keeping the data as current as possible. Examples of these types of data are listed in Table 1. Requested attributes (required and optional) are listed in Table 2. For more information visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php.

Secondary focus – Vegetation/Fuel Plot Data

LF benefits from contributions of any point or polygon vegetation or fuel plot data. LF relies on plot data for training sites for remapping projects and evaluation. The official Remap data submission deadline has passed, but please feel free to submit plot data to help with quality assessments. Data submissions will be archived for future use. For more information visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_plot.php.

LF also welcomes feedback information on current products. Submit feedback through the LF helpdesk at <https://www.landfire.gov/contactus.php>. Additional information about feedback contributions can be found at http://www.landfire.gov/participate_feedback.php.

Table 1: Disturbance/ Treatment Types	Table 2: Requested Attributes
Disturbance Types	Attributes: Required
Wildfires	Disturbance/Treatment Type
Weather Damage	Disturbance/Treatment Year
Insects/Disease	
Development	Attributes: Optional
Treatment Types	Disturbance/Treatment Name
Harvest/Thinning	Start Date
Mechanical	End Date
Prescribed Fires	Severity
Seeding/Planting	Reporting Entity/Agency
Chemical	Notes (e.g., effects on veg. or fuel)

Data Contributions and Thanks:

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

