



**USDA Forest Service & Department of the Interior
LANDFIRE Fire Behavior Fuel Model Guidebook-Database**



Date: April 8, 2016

Subject: LANDFIRE FBFM Guidebook-Database - *Webinar schedule – Spring of 2016*
Review of vegetation characteristics and FBFM rules

To: Interested Individuals (Fuel Specialists, Fire Operations, Fire Planners, Fire Ecologists, etc.)

We are excited to announce that the LANDFIRE program has developed a Fire Behavior Fuel Model (FBFM) Guidebook-Database. In the past, LANDFIRE conducted a series of calibration workshops across the country soliciting input on FBFM mapping rule relationships. This was a successful effort but challenging given travel and participation across the US. Given the success of other efforts to improve the classification of FBFMs, (Alaska Guidebook, SE SWRA updates) the LANDFIRE program has developed a web-based database. This database is framed in a content management system to help guide people through a review process of the FBFM mapping rules. The framework provides a structure to gather feedback and suggestions about how to improve the mapping rules and will inform how FBFMs are potentially mapped in the future.

We are contacting you to request your participation to review and provide feedback on the FBFM mapping rules for the GeoAreas of the conterminous United States (CONUS). This review was initially planned to go through the fall of 2016 but will be continuing into 2017. Your participation will result in possible refinement of the FBFM mapping rules. Implementation of this interactive approach will greatly enhance the incorporation of knowledge in the mapping of fuel models from the vegetation data characteristics within LANDFIRE. The initial kickoff for this review is at the International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF) 5th Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference in Portland April 11-15, 2016 with a workshop on Monday.

The first series of webinars will start the end of April and finish by early July. We realize this schedule may not work for everyone. As such, additional webinars will potentially be conducted in the fall and again next year. Details on these additional webinars will be provided later. Also, it is important to note that participation in a specific geographic area where you work is not critical but would be helpful as the webinars are designed to provide an orientation to the database and process where individuals will then be able to work through the database at your own pace providing feedback and comments. For this first series, each webinar will be three hours in length. Below is a schedule for the webinars by Geo Area. On the next page is information to register for the planned webinars.

Geographic Area	Webinar Date	Time
Southeast	Thursday 4/28/2016	1 to 4pm eastern
South Central	Thursday 5/12/2016	1 to 4pm central
Southwest	Thursday 5/19/2016	noon to 3pm mountain
Northwest	Thursday 5/26/2016	11 to 2pm pacific
North Central	Thursday 6/2/2016	1 to 4pm central
Northeast	Thursday 6/9/2016	1 to 4pm eastern

Following this first series of webinars, we will hold conference calls or webinars to address specific issues that emerge from our analyses of database results (your edits, comments, and feedback).

Please become an authorized user by sending an email to: landfire@northwestknowledge.net. Once you are an authorized user, please visit <https://landfire.nkn.uidaho.edu/user> and view the Home page and Demo pages.

Wendel Hann and Linda Tedrow of the University of Idaho are leading and working on this effort. Also, many of the LANDFIRE staff contributed in some manner to this effort. Please contact Wendel if you would like more information at wendelhann@gmail.com or 575-519-9734 or visit http://www.landfire.gov/lf_opportunities.php

This guidebook-database is a very important effort with both science and management implications. We greatly appreciate your willingness to participate in the enhancement of the FBFMs in LANDFIRE.

Sincerely,

Frank Fay – USDA FS FAM, LANDFIRE Business Lead
Henry Bastian – US DOI OWF, LANDFIRE Business Lead

IMPORTANT: In order to participate in the webinar you need to pre-register for the planned webinars. Please use the links below to register for these webinars.

GoToWebinar Registration Links		
Geographic Area	Webinar Date	Time
Southeast	Thursday 4/28/2016	1 to 4pm eastern
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5447421881963262211 Webinar ID: 145-962-339		
South Central	Thursday 5/12/2016	1 to 4pm central
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6639318874751862019 Webinar ID: 102-359-043		
Southwest	Thursday 5/19/2016	noon to 3pm mountain
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8878624937810731267 Webinar ID: 104-725-923		
Northwest	Thursday 5/26/2016	11 to 2pm pacific
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4018404211529309955 Webinar ID: 106-731-955		
North Central	Thursday 6/2/2016	1 to 4pm central
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5489131855563454211 Webinar ID: 108-997-699		
Northeast	Thursday 6/9/2016	1 to 4pm eastern
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5985266686388099075 Webinar ID: 109-315-923		