



Dear Colleague,

Summer 2013

Do you manage or coordinate vegetation or landscape data sets? If so, the LANDFIRE Program needs your data. Did you have a wildfire in 2011 or 2012? Did you conduct any harvest, chemical or other silvicultural treatments in 2011 or 2012? Did you have a major blowdown or insect/disease infestation? Data sets such as these are important to the LANDFIRE update process and updated information is important to decision making in fire and non-fire programs and organizations across the country. Locally provided landscape data does impact LANDFIRE and evidence is available for review at [https://www.landfire.gov/lf\\_impacts.php](https://www.landfire.gov/lf_impacts.php).

LANDFIRE is an interagency vegetation, fire, and fuel characteristics mapping program, sponsored by the United States Departments of Agriculture, Forest Service and the Interior (DOI) ([www.landfire.gov](http://www.landfire.gov)). LANDFIRE produces consistent, comprehensive data describing vegetation, fire, and fuel characteristics for the nation. LANDFIRE thanks those who have contributed data in the past and is again asking for your help to enhance and improve LANDFIRE data products through your data or information contributions. The next LANDFIRE update will be called LANDFIRE 2012 and will comprise data primarily from 2011/2012 but is inclusive of data from 1999 - 2012.

**LANDFIRE Data Needs:**

**Primary focus - Polygon Disturbance and Treatment Activities that occurred in 2012**

LANDFIRE 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. Table 1 provides examples of these data and relevant attributes. At a minimum, the disturbance/treatment polygons must be attributed by disturbance/treatment type and year of occurrence. For more information visit [https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_contribute.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php).

**Table 1. Disturbance/treatment types & attributes needed**

Dist/Treat Type	Attributes <i>*Required</i>
Wildfires	Event ID
Prescribed Fires	Event type *
Insects & Disease	Event name
Weather Damage	Year of event *
Harvest/Thinning	Start date
Other Mechanical	End date
Seeding/Planting	Event severity
Chemical	Reporting entity (e.g., FS, NPS, BLM, FWS)
Exotic Plant Species	Notes (e.g., effects on veg. or fuel)



**Secondary focus – Vegetation/Fuel Plot Data and Feedback Information**

LANDFIRE also benefits from contributions of any point or polygon vegetation or fuel plot data (including associated digital photos, project descriptions, or final reports) and feedback information. For more information on LANDFIRE's data needs visit [https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_plot.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_plot.php).

**Data Submissions and Contributions:**

LANDFIRE collects and welcomes data submissions on an annual basis throughout the year. The data submission deadline for 2013 has been extended to **December 4** due to the Government shutdown. Data submitted before December 4 will be evaluated for incorporation into the next scheduled LANDFIRE update cycle. Data submitted after December 4 will be evaluated for subsequent LANDFIRE updates. For more information visit [https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_contribute.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php) or contact Brenda Lundberg, LANDFIRE Reference Data Administrator, [brenda.lundberg.ctr@usgs.gov](mailto:brenda.lundberg.ctr@usgs.gov), (406) 329-3405.

LANDFIRE also acquires data from websites and agency data base systems. A list of these sources can be found in the "Website Agency DB" spreadsheet at [https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_refdata\\_sub.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php). For a list of past data contributions see the "Compiled Data" spreadsheet at [https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_refdata\\_sub.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php).

