



Dear Partners and Stakeholders,

It's that time of year again to remind stakeholders of an important data contribution opportunity to the LANDFIRE program. LANDFIRE (LF) is an interagency vegetation, fire, and fuel characteristics mapping program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) (<https://landfire.gov>). To ensure LF products are current to support landscape assessment, analysis, and management decisions, LF relies heavily on data contributions from federal, state, local, private, and non-profit land managers.

## Data Submission Deadline Change

As LF continues to work towards the goal of annual updates, LF needs as much time as possible to process data. **LF is asking for data to be submitted or available in database systems one month earlier than in the past with a new data submission deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

The focus of this data call is to collect fiscal year 2022 disturbance and treatment activities (10/1/2021 – 9/30/2022). **Please make every effort to have your FY 2022 data accessible to LF by October 31, 2022, as LF relies heavily on user contributed data for updates.** LF recognizes that this due date may not align with agency/organization established due dates. Data submitted after the deadline will be used if schedules allow or will be archived for future use. All data contributions must meet LF Requirements. For more information visit [https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_refdata.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata.php). Data submissions and questions can be sent to Brenda Lundberg, LANDFIRE Reference Data Administrator, [blundberg@contractor.usgs.gov](mailto:blundberg@contractor.usgs.gov).

## Disturbance/Treatment Date or Fiscal Year Required

LF will transition to processing data by fiscal year. A new required attribute that must be included with your data submission is **disturbance/treatment date or fiscal year**. This will ensure LF includes disturbances/treatments in the correct fiscal year. Month, day, and year for the start and end dates of the disturbance or treatment are preferred.

### LANDFIRE Data Needs:

- **Primary focus - Polygon Disturbance and Treatment Activities that occurred in FY 2022**

LF uses recent disturbance and treatment data to help attribute a disturbance cause to image-based change detections and update map layers in areas where vegetation and fuel have changed. Examples of these types of data are listed in Table 1. Requested attributes (required, recommended, and optional) are listed in Table 2. For more information visit:

[https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_contribute.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php).

- **Secondary focus – Post-disturbance Vegetation/Fuel Plot Data and Invasive Plant Species (polygon/plots)**

LF relies on plot data for training sites for mapping. For more information visit

[https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_plot.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_plot.php). LF would also benefit from post-disturbance plot data and polygon or point data on invasive plant species.

LF welcomes feedback information on current products. Submit feedback through the LF Help Desk at

<https://www.landfire.gov/contactus.php>. Additional information about submitting feedback can be found at

[https://landfire.gov/participate\\_feedback.php](https://landfire.gov/participate_feedback.php).

### Data Contributions and Thanks:

LF acquires data from websites and agency database systems. For a list of these sources, see 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 and to ensure your data have been received and incorporated in the LF database, see the “Compiled Data” spreadsheet at [https://www.landfire.gov/participate\\_refdata\\_sub.php](https://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php).

LF thanks those who have contributed data in the past and LF is again asking for your help to enhance and improve LF products through your contributions.

Table 1: Disturbance/ Treatment Type	Table 2: Requested Attributes
<b>Disturbance Types</b>	<b>Required</b>
Wildfires	Disturbance/Treatment Type
Weather Damage	Disturbance/Treatment Date
Insect/Disease	
Development	<b>Recommended</b>
<b>Treatment Types</b>	Severity
Harvest/Thinning	<b>Optional</b>
Mechanical	Disturbance/Treatment Name
Prescribed Fire	Reporting Agency
Seeding/Planting	Notes
Chemical	