



Dear Partners and Stakeholders,

Winter 2018

LANDFIRE 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). LANDFIRE data products support landscape assessment, analysis, and management decisions. To ensure these data are current, LANDFIRE 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.

In preparation for the future, please note the "What's Next" section at the bottom of this letter about changes regarding the submission deadline.

LANDFIRE Data Needs:

Primary focus - Polygon Disturbance and Treatment Activities that occurred in CY 2017 and CY 2018

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. 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.



**Table 1: Disturbance/
Treatment Type**

**Table 2: Requested
Attributes**

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

Secondary focus – Vegetation/Fuel Plot Data

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

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

Data Submissions, Contributions, and Thanks:

LANDFIRE collects and welcomes data submissions on an annual basis throughout the year. ***The data submission deadline is March 31, 2019 for this data call.*** Submissions before March 31 will be evaluated for inclusion in the next update. Submissions after March 31 will be considered in subsequent efforts. For more information visit http://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata.php. On this page you will also find the LANDFIRE Data Requirements document which outlines the minimum information needed for each data type and attributes. Data submissions and questions can be sent to Brenda Lundberg, LANDFIRE Reference Data Administrator, blundberg@contractor.usgs.gov, (406) 329-3405.

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

What's Next:

In preparation for next year, the data submission deadline will change from March 31 to November 30. This change is being made to enable the LANDFIRE program to position itself with the "potential" of doing annual updates and delivery of LANDFIRE products by the following summer. ***Please prepare for the November 30, 2019 due date.***