Dear Partners and Stakeholders,

It's that time of year again to send a reminder or introduce this data contribution opportunity to the LANDFIRE program. LAND-FIRE (LF) is an interagency vegetation, fire, and fuel characteristics mapping program sponsored by the United States Departments of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) (www.landfire.gov). To ensure LF products are current to support landscape assessment, analysis, and management decisions, LF relies heavily on data contributions.

Data Submission Deadline November 30, 2020:

LF is transitioning back to an update schedule after being focused on LF 2016 Remap. As communicated in the last two data call letters, LF is asking for data to be submitted earlier than in the past to help facilitate the production of annually updated products with a goal of data release before June of each year. This transition may take a couple of years to reach recognizing that several disturbance years (2017-2020) need to be cataloged and processed.

The focus of this data call is to collect FY 2020 disturbance and treatment activities. ***Please make every effort to submit your 2020 data by November 30, as LF is relying heavily on user contributed data for this update.*** Data submitted after the deadline will be used if schedules allow or will be archived for future use. Data from 2017-2019 that were not previously submitted to LF or other National Authoritative databases, are also welcome. All data contributions must meet LF requirements.

Data submissions are more important this year than in the past because during this transition period LF will be wrapping up LF2016 Remap and will not be using remote sensing methods to detect changes on the landscape.

For more information visit 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

LANDFIRE Data Needs:

- **Primary focus - Polygon Disturbance and Treatment Activities that occurred in FY 2020**

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: https://www.landfire.gov/participate_contribute.php.

Table 1: Disturbance/ Treatment Types
Disturbance Types
Wildfires
Weather Damage
Insects/Disease
Development
Treatment Types
Harvest/Thinning
Mechanical
Prescribed Fires
Seeding/Planting
Chemical

Table 2: Requested Attributes
Attributes: Required
Disturbance/Treatment Type
Disturbance/Treatment Year
Attributes: Optional
Disturbance/Treatment Name
Start Date
End Date
Severity
Reporting Entity/Agency
Notes (e.g., effects on veg. or fuel)

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

LF benefits from and relies on plot data for training sites for mapping. For more information visit https://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 https://www.landfire.gov/participate_feedback.php.

- **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 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 database, see the "Compiled Data" spreadsheet at https://www.landfire.gov/participate_refdata_sub.php.

Locally provided landscape data does impact LF and evidence is available for review at https://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.