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Welcome to the new LANDFIRE Bulletin. The LANDFIRE Program will be producing and distributing it electronically, with a downloadable [PDF always available](#). If you do not want to receive this bulletin electronically, or if you receive duplicate emails, [please notify us](#).

LANDFIRE Website Changes

As the LANDFIRE Program evolves, the project website must also evolve. To accomplish this task, a website working group was established that is currently updating and reorganizing content. Once this task is complete, the website group will begin envisioning a “new” LANDFIRE website with a strong user focus. If you have comments or suggestions about the [current LANDFIRE website](#), or ideas for the new website, please send them to helpdesk@landfire.gov.

LANDFIRE on the Conservation Gateway

Find more LANDFIRE related reports, applications, case studies and information on [The Nature Conservancy’s Conservation Gateway](#). As a partner in LANDFIRE, TNC created a space in their web environment to complement what is present on the official LANDFIRE Program website. Some information is repeated, but the intent is to emphasize the role of LANDFIRE Program products in the conservation and restoration arenas. Please visit [TNC-LANDFIRE](#) and let us know what you think.

LANDFIRE Update Process

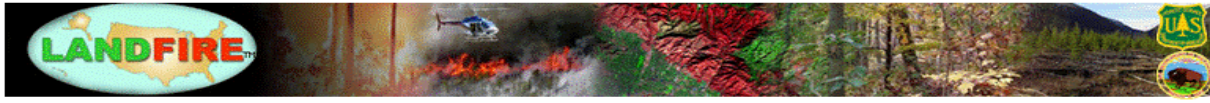
Are you wondering how LANDFIRE updated their spatial products in LF 2008 “Refresh”, and how those changes impacted program products in your region? LANDFIRE is creating a “GeoArea Report” for each portion of the country that contains just such information. [The Pacific Northwest Report](#) is now available. Remaining reports will be posted soon.

LANDFIRE 2010

The second major temporal update and improvement of LANDFIRE spatial products is already in production. A single, nationwide delivery will occur in spring of 2013, representing landscape conditions through CY 2010. All vegetation related products, including existing vegetation type, cover and height, fuel and fire effects models and disturbance layers will be included in the delivery. [Review the details](#).

LANDFIRE Needs You.....

...to help improve and update LANDFIRE products. LANDFIRE production processes are data driven, including disturbance [fires, treatments, etc.] polygons from any year and geo-referenced field plots. Provide us what you have, and we will use everything that meets project specifications. Click here to [review the contribution process](#).



High Quality Maps Available

Do you need beautiful national or regional maps for a publication, poster or presentation? If you do, check out the [LANDFIRE map library](#) where you will find maps that portray landscape scale vegetation disturbances, existing vegetation types, and fire behavior fuel models.

LANDFIRE Learning Opportunities:

NIFTT [*National Interagency Vegetation, Fire and Fuels Technology Transfer Team*] has new [instructional materials, online courses and a new and improved host](#) for their online courses.

A presentation reviewing the Wildland Fire Assessment Tool (WFAT) will be hosted by the [Southwest Fire Consortium](#) on *Wednesday May 16 at 12PM MDT*. The presenters will be Eva Strand & Josh Hyde (University of Idaho and NIFTT). You will learn how to use WFAT to locate potential fuel treatment units, develop a prescription for those units, and evaluate the effect of the proposed treatment on potential fire behavior and fire effects.

Explore LANDFIRE National (1.0.0) Vegetation Departure and Uncharacteristic Vegetation spatial layers using the [TNC interactive data viewer](#). Zoom in; zoom out; have some fun—more interactive, on-line viewing is coming in the future.

Application Highlight

“[LANDFIRE 2008 data in the Cowychee Mountain Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Yakima, Washington — Making Risk Assessments User-Friendly](#).” According to the report, “LANDFIRE data products enabled the technical team to quickly and cost effectively get products out for review and refine methods.” The report highlights how LANDFIRE data can be used to support risk management.

Send news, questions and stories to: helpdesk@landfire.gov

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