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The Integrated Resource Restoration (IRR) Program facilitates and supports an integrated approach to land management that sustains, maintains, and makes landscapes more resilient. In fiscal year (FY) 2012, Congress authorized an IRR pilot program incorporating Regions 1, 3, and 4 for a 3-year period. Because this program is in a pilot stage, it is particularly important that we can effectively communicate program impacts with Congress and the partner community. As such, units are required to provide tabular data for a number of performance measures that are reported in the Wildlife, Fish, & Rare Plants (WFRP), Watershed Condition Analysis Tracking Tool (WCATT), Road Accomplishment Report (RAR), Timber Informations Management (TIM), Forest Activity Tracking System (FACTS) and WorkPlan databases. For more information on tabular reporting requirements, please see the <u>2012 Final Program Direction</u>.

In addition, in order to facilitate this communication, spatial data will be required for all IRR accomplishments where the database receiving the data has the capability to link to spatial data. The following guidelines should be used for IRR spatial data:

- Where FACTS is the database used for reporting IRR activities:
 - All IRR data will be data dictionary compliant.
 - Data will be stored in a Spatial Database Engine on either the Enterprise Data Center engine or Natural Resource Manager engine.
 - All spatial accomplishment data will be linked through a SUID for each accomplishment record in FACTS for IRR.
 - All spatial polygons should accurately reflect the actual area treated.
- Where Watershed Improvement Tracking (WIT) is the database used for reporting IRR activities:
 - Continue to enter spatial data as already required by the database.
 - Identify activities as part of IRR in the annual report template; the database may not be set up to recognize the NFRR Budget Line Item. If this is the case, identify the project with a Budget Line Item that is integrated into NFRR (NFWF, NFTM, NFVW).
- At this time, other databases used for reporting IRR accomplishment are not set up to receive spatial accomplishment data, although spatial capabilities for WFRP are in





development. In the meantime, for accomplishments outside of FACTS or WIT, units are encouraged to link Geographic Information System data through FACTS.

These requirements for spatial data will apply for each year of the IRR pilot program. Spatial data for fiscal year 2012 should be entered, according to the above guidelines, by April 15, 2013. Questions regarding this request can be directed to Lauren Marshall (<u>lemarshall@fs.fed.us</u>) at 202-205-1218.

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