

BLM FTEM Policy

MS-9214 Fuels Management and Community Assistance Manual:

Section 1.4 Responsibilities, Subsection B-3 State Level Program Leads are responsible for: g. Ensuring fuels treatment effectiveness reports are submitted, coordinated and reviewed;

Section 1.4 Responsibilities, Subsection C-2 Local Level District/Field Office Fire Management Officers are responsible for: d. Ensuring fuels treatment effectiveness reports are accomplished.

Section 1.6 Policy, Subsection H-6 Reporting: All BLM managers, fire and fuels personnel must: 6. Report on the effectiveness of treatments in the Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring (FTEM) online tool within 90 days of a fire intersecting a fuels treatment.

FTEM Guidance:

H-9214-1 Fuels Management and Community Assistance Handbook (Internal):

Chapter 6: Fuels Treatment Monitoring, Accomplishment Reporting and Program Evaluation, *Section A-2 Treatment Monitoring: Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring (FTEM) System:*

FTEM is a DOI and USFS online tool used to document fuels management treatment effectiveness. The purpose of FTEM is to have a single, interagency, national source to document the interaction of wildfires and fuels treatments. The system provides users a way to enter information about fire weather, fuels, and supporting documentation (e.g., photos, maps) from inside and outside treated areas in order to demonstrate fuels treatment effectiveness. The data will be available for use at various levels of the DOI bureaus and the Forest Service. The data will also be used to answer congressional and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) questions about the effectiveness of the Fuels program and show whether fuels treatments changed fire behavior. The system will also establish baseline data to use when making future fuels program decisions and to document lessons learned from wildfire events in order to adjust future fuels treatment prescriptions and to share findings with our partners, the public and congressional representatives.

All offices must complete a fuels treatment effectiveness assessment and input appropriate information into FTEM for all wildfires which start in, burn into, or burn through any portion of a fuel treatment area that has been completed and reported in the Hazardous Fuels Module of the NFPORS. Offices should ensure that fuels treatment effectiveness data is reported in the FTEM system within 90 days of a wildfire

intersecting a fuels treatment. It is important that treatment data entered into FTEM are consistent with the NFPORS, and that wildfire information is consistent with the Wildland Fire Management Information (WFMI) system.