

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY		LEAVE BLANK (NARA use only)	
To NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION 8601 ADELPHI ROAD COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740-6001		JOB NUMBER <i>NI-049-09-10</i>	
5 FROM (Agency or establishment) U S Department of Interior		Date received <i>9/14/09</i>	
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION Bureau of Land Management		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION Renewable Resource and Planning Directorate			
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Michelle F Thomas	5 TELEPHONE NUMBER (202) 912-7557	DATE <i>Sept 12</i>	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>[Signature]</i>
6 AGENCY CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached ___ page(s) are not needed now for the business for this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X is not required <input type="checkbox"/> is attached, or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested			
DATE 9/4/09	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Michelle F. Thomas</i>		TITLE Bureau Records Administrator
7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
1	Forest Vegetation Information (FORVIS) (see attached sheets)		

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Renewable Resources and Planning Division
Forest and Woodlands Division
SF115 Attachment
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Forest Vegetation Information System (FORVIS)

Description of System:

The Forest Vegetation Information System (FORVIS) is a system for storage, retrieval, and analysis of data about forestlands. The system provides data management and analytical capabilities for inventorying and monitoring vegetation on forested uplands. The focus of the system is the management of attribute data about vegetation polygons and associated land management events. FORVIS is used in conjunction with the Timber Sales Information System (TSIS) to support the BLM Forest and Woodlands Management Program.

The system allows three data collection processes or levels of data describing vegetation. The sources are (1) photo interpretation, (2) walk-through survey, and (3) plot measurements (stand examinations). FORVIS allows broad, general vegetation descriptions where funds and resource value is low. It also allows more detailed descriptions of species attributes, forest structure, and understory vegetation where the resource values warrant. Additionally, when plot measurements are taken, projections of temporal change and vegetation treatment effects are possible through links to the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Vegetation Simulator and Stand Visualization System.

1.a. Master File. The system contains information about current vegetation for specific sites. The data is used to assess and classify current conditions, potential vegetation, and site productivity. It is used to generate various models, including those that show projections and scenarios about forest growth, forest structure, and wildlife habitat. The system is also used to quantify forest products, develop silviculture, plan forest restoration treatments, and record treatment and disturbance events.

Disposition: **PERMANENT**

Transfer a copy of the master file to the NARA upon approval of this schedule, along with the technical documentation, in accordance with 36 CFR 1235.44-50. Thereafter, transfer a copy every 5 years, along with the current technical documentation.