

# Known Sites Database Information Workflow



## Roles and Responsibilities

The Known Sites Database (KSD) is a password protected dataset of sites to assist fire managers with wildland fire decision-making and planning.

There are two primary sources of site information included in the KSD:

- Jurisdictional Agency inventory and assessments can continue to be directly submitted to the AFS Known Sites Data Steward for immediate incorporation into the KSD.
- In the final fire package IMTs will provide site data to their respective dispatch office. The dispatch office will then provide that information to the AFS KSD Steward and the Jurisdictional Agency through the known sites clearinghouse, which is a preliminary dataset that is subject to approval by the Jurisdiction Agency's administrative unit on which the sites the reside.
  - The preliminary dataset will not be incorporated into the KSD until it has been verified by the Jurisdictional Agency.
  - For the FY11 fire season, the preliminary dataset will be viewable on the ArcIMS known sites map. The KSD will be updated on a semi-annual basis: November 1 and April 1.

Semi-annually as the dataset is updated, the KSD Steward provides the metadata, which is a summary of changes, to all entities (protection FMO and jurisdictional FMOs as well as pertinent Native partners). The metadata will contain a list of Global Unique Identifiers with the action taken on the site (i.e., added, deleted, changed geographically, and changed attributes). Metadata will also be available upon request from the data steward.

Username and passwords to access KSD can be requested through the AFS KSD Steward at [hrigby@blm.gov](mailto:hrigby@blm.gov) or by calling (907) 356-5587.

The KSD is available at: [http://afsmaps.blm.gov/imf\\_known/imf.jsp?site=known](http://afsmaps.blm.gov/imf_known/imf.jsp?site=known)