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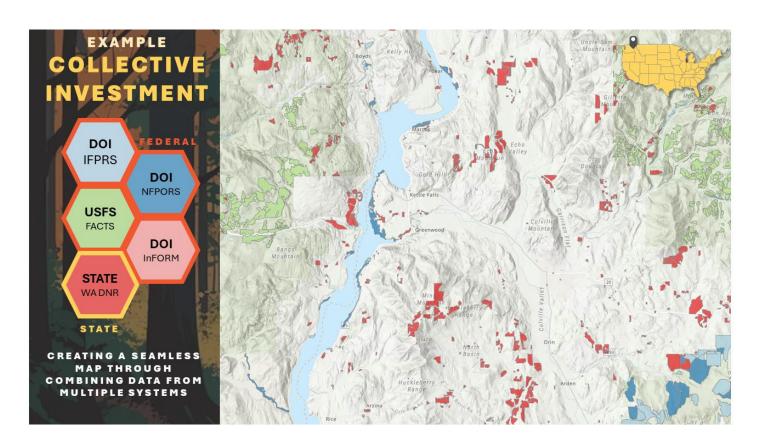
### **Introducing the National Fuels Treatment Initiative**

Building a standardized, nationwide map of hazardous fuels treatments across ownerships.

### **Overview**

The National Fuels Treatments Initiative (NFT) is a collaborative, scalable data collection effort which aims to build a standardized geospatial dataset of hazardous fuels treatment locations occurring across multiple land ownership types nationwide. NFT leverages a configurable, automation-first approach to pull from an organization's existing geospatial fuels treatments data service or source and transforms them into the NFT's standardized data schema with little-to-no effort required by the organization's data stewards. This national dataset will help measure accomplishments towards fulfilling the National Cohesive Strategy (NCS) which lays out high-level actions needed to protect our homes, infrastructure, water, and other community values that are at risk from wildfire in the nation. In addition, NFT will be a "first of its kind" national dataset that will aggregate all the mapped federal and state fuels treatments across the nation into a dataset that can be used to fulfill the goals of shared stewardship across the landscape.

To better prioritize investments and to show progress from funding being allocated and an influx of new funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), effective data management and data aggregation is critical. The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) has partnered with the United States Forest Service and Department of Interior – Office of Wildland Fire on this NFT Initiative to initiate the process of building this national dataset and helping states implement better and more consistent fuels treatment data management solutions across the Country.



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#### Who will use NFT?

The NFT Initiative has two main user groups: contributors and consumers. Contributors are fire or forestry management staff, GIS managers or data stewards that are responsible for the data management of their organization's hazardous fuels treatment data. Consumers could be individuals from local, state, federal government, non-profit organizations, academia, or the general public that will benefit from being able to visualize hazardous fuels treatment spatial data across agencies and political boundaries.

### **Getting Involved!**

We need your help. Please **complete the checklist below by December 13, 2024** to help improve the overall data quality within the NFT dataset and to prepare for grant accomplishment reporting in GARP.

Ш	Explore <u>nft.garphub.org</u> .
	Review your state's data within the <u>NFT Explorer</u> .
	Review the <u>NFT Readiness Tab</u> in the Explorer to assess your state's data readiness.
	Use the NFT Readiness Checklist to improve your state's data quality.
	Read the <u>NFT FAQs</u> for more information and resources on the NFT Initiative.
	Complete the <u>User Feedback Survey</u> .
	Schedule a meeting with us to discuss or update your NFT data contribution. Email us at <a href="mailto:support@garphub.org">support@garphub.org</a> .