

**FSM 5100 - WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT**  
**CHAPTER 5140 - HAZARDOUS FUELS MANAGEMENT AND PRESCRIBED FIRE**

## **5144 - ASSESSING AND REPORTING HAZARDOUS FUELS TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS**

All wildfires which start in or burn into a fuel treatment, that has been completed within the last ten years (within the last three years in the Southern Region), must have a fuel treatment effectiveness assessment conducted and results entered into the Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring (FTEM) database. All fuel treatment effectiveness assessments must be entered into the FTEM database within 90 days of control of the fire. Individual forests have the option of documenting interactions between wildfire and fuel treatments that are older than the ten years (three in Southern Region), where applicable.

Qualifying fuel treatments include all activities reported as fuels accomplishments in the Forest Activity Tracking System (FACTS). This includes management implemented activities (prescribed fire, mechanical thinning, and so forth) as well as unplanned events (such as wildfires, or portions of wildfires that were reported as accomplishment). Optional documentation such as written reports, photos, video, and such, may also be entered for archive in the database.

The Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring (FTEM) database can be found at the following website: <https://fireportal.usda.gov/>.

Links to User Guides, optional reporting templates, and other information related to the FTEM reporting requirement can be found at: <http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/fire/fam/fuels/hazardous.html>.