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In January 1999, the BLM will transition all wildland fire, fuels management activity and mechanical hazard reduction treatment reporting to an Internet-based fire reporting system. This new platform will replace the Shared Applications Computer System (SACS) as the official repository for the Bureau's fire reporting data. All 1999 fire reporting data must be entered into the new system as SACS has been deemed obsolete by the BLM for that specific program.

The programmers will begin migration of the historical data on January 19, 1999, and the process is expected to be completed by mid-March. Therefore, it is imperative to perform accuracy checks on the historical fire records and make all necessary changes to the SACS data file (in particular, the 1998 latitude and longitude data fields) prior to January 15, 1999, to ensure the highest level of data integrity on the new system.

The BLM Fire Reporting System can be accessed by selecting the Fire Reporting hyperlink at <http://www.nifc.blm.gov>. The 1999 Individual Fire Report Instructions, complete with printable fire and protection type data requirement templates, are provided on-line at the Fire Reporting page under the Instructions hyperlink for the convenience of the user community.

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