DATIM FAQs

Is there any social or economic or cultural data in DATIM as of yet?
All the data right now that is in DATIM and is planned to be offered in the near future of DATIM is veg-based data. However, if you are using the DTIM tool for the planning, you could still set up objectives, questions, and metrics that are based on non-vegetation data. You just wouldn't be able to get the estimates from DATIM. You have to go outside the tool and get those numbers from another source. You can still include it in your plan and show that it's part of your plan.

What data does DATIM include? Is Alaska included?
All data that is available right now in FIADB is available within DATIM. We are working on pulling in data from FSVeg. Yes, Alaska is there.

How can FVS be used with DATIM?
When you bring in data into the DATIM, you do have the option of running it through FVS. That seems to be something that is commonly done in the national forest system data. This process is not entirely straightforward in the sense. You have to get into the data compilation system (DCS). It's something that we call for high powered users also known as administrative users. These are a couple of people in each region that have access or can get access to use DCS. Once in the tool, the administrative users sees another wizard-based approach for running the data through FVS and the assignment of the correct variant for your location.

Does the system include non-forest system such as sagebrush/invasive species (e.g. cheat grass, etc.)?
The data is in DATIM, however we currently don’t have any estimates programmed in there to come up with an estimate of cover by species. That functionality is planned for future versions of DATIM.

Would one need to look to the FIA protocols to understand which data fields are fully populated and which are optional? Or are there metadata that can be accessed through DATIM?
We recommend that you work very closely with your FIA unit to determine what exactly was collected including specific information/ specific metadata.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to email us at datim@fs.fed.us.