

## **Topic: Editing Herbaceous State in WIMS**

The purpose of entering the herbaceous vegetation stage code in WIMS is to describe the General condition of the herbaceous vegetation in the fire danger rating area.

### **There are 5 different stage codes:**

<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Cured</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Frozen</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Pre-Green</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>Transition</b>

The stage of herbaceous vegetation controls two sets of fuel moistures:

- Herbaceous fuel moisture is affected by transition (H S field = T) and cured (H S field = C) stages. Unless frozen, perennial herbaceous fuels can recover from a cured stage after receiving moisture.
- Woody fuel moisture is affected by a frozen (H S field = F) state. Woody fuels must be frozen prior to green-up.

The green-up date field on the Display/Edit Default NFDRS Parameters form (FASTPATH: ENFDR) identifies the date at the start of green-up.

The Herb date field reflects the date the last change was made to the H S field (herbaceous vegetation stage code).

Determine the stage of the HS field on the Display/Edit Default NFDRS Parameters form, then follow the procedure(s) in the 'How To' section.