

# NWCG Data Standard Meta-data Definition

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Name		
<b>Data Attribute Name</b>	<b>Unit Identifier</b>	
<b>Abbreviation</b>	<i>Unit ID</i>	
Contacts		
<b>Data Stewardship Group</b>	<i>Unit ID Board</i>	
<b>Source Reference</b>		
<b>System of Record</b>	<i>NWCG Unit Identifier Database</i>	
<b>Custodian</b>	<i>Geographic Area Data Custodians</i>	
Definition		
<b>Description</b>	<p>A code used within the interagency incident management community to uniquely identify a particular organizational unit within the government or a non-government organization recognized by NWCG as a wildland fire cooperator.</p> <p>An organizational unit is defined as an office that is administratively responsible for either: 1) managing events (e.g. incidents or projects) supported by the interagency incident management community, 2) providing resources to the interagency incident management community, or 3) providing logistical services to the interagency incident management community.</p>	
	<b>Data Exchange Standards</b>	<b>Data Entry Guidelines</b>
<b>Length</b>	<i>Maximum: 8      Minimum: 7</i>	<b>Maximum: 10      Minimum: 9</b>
<b>Data Type</b>	<i>Alpha-numeric</i>	<i>Character</i>
<b>Case Sensitivity</b>	<i>Upper Case</i>	<i>Upper Case</i>
<b>Format</b>	CCSSXXXX CC= Country Code, SS = State Code = A code assigned to an organizational unit; with a trailing space for 3-character codes.	CC-SS-XXXX CC= Country Code, SS = State Code SS = XXX or XXXX = A code assigned to an organizational unit; with a trailing space for 3-character codes.
<b>Example</b>	USIDBOF = Boise National Forest located in the state of Idaho.	<i>US-ID-BOF = Boise National Forest located in the state of Idaho, in the country of The United States of America.</i>
Business Rules		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Unit Identifier is designated only for 1) government (federal, state, tribe, and local) units, and 2) certain non-government organizations approved by NWCG. Non-government organizations must meet the following criteria: a) a wildland fire cooperator, and b) provides a nationally available pool of resources to wildland fire efforts.</li> <li>2. Any specific unit identifier can only be assigned to one distinct organizational unit.</li> <li>3. An organizational unit can have only one distinct unit identifier.</li> <li>4. An organization unit whose jurisdiction crosses state boundaries will use the state code of the state where the administrative office is physically located.</li> <li>5. Unit Identifier codes must be associated with a unit name.</li> </ol>		
Source		
<p>The Unit Identifier country code is the two alpha-numeric character prefix derived from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) publication 3166-1, which defines administrative codes for names for countries (International Organization for Standardization)</p> <p>The Unit Identifier country subdivision code is the one to three alpha-numeric characters, following the two-letter country code prefix, which uniquely identifies a particular administrative subdivision within a country. This code is derived from the ISO standard 3166-2, which defines administrative codes for names of country subdivisions (International Organization for Standardization)</p>		