

# Change Proposal

## NWCG Data Standard

# UNIT IDENTIFIER

The purpose of this document is to provide a template for submitting a change proposal for an NWCG data standard. Utilization of this format is not required; however all change proposals should include all the information requested below. Additional pages may be attached.

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Data Standard Name	UNIT IDENTIFIER
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Proposed Changes to the Meta-data Definition are in red:

**Description:**

A code used within the interagency wildland fire community to uniquely identify a particular organizational unit within the government or a non-government organization recognized by NWCG as a quasi-government wildland fire cooperator.

**Business Rule 1:**

A Unit Identifier is designated only for: 1) government (federal, state, and local) units, and 2) non-government organizations recognized by NWCG as quasi-government wildland fire cooperators.

Change Procedures:

**Procedures 2. Changes to the Standardized Data Values:**

Paragraph 2: Change proposals for the Unit Identifier list should be directed to the Geographic Area Data Custodian for the area in which the subject unit(s) is located. When an entirely new organization is added, the National Data Custodian may enter the whole hierarchical set of the organization's unit records on behalf of the GACC data custodians.

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**Reason for wanting the change:**

A new cooperative agreement between The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Agriculture Forest Service establishes TNC as a quasi-government agency within the wildland fire community. TNC serves in a similar role of other government wildland fire cooperators providing wildland fire training and response personnel. The wildland fire community needs to track TNC resources and facilities in the same fashion as its government resources.

The current Unit Identifier business rules indicate that Unit Identifiers are assigned to “government” organizations only. This change proposal expands the rule to include non-government organizations recognized by NWCG as serving in a quasi-government agency role to the wildland fire community.