NWCG Data Standard
Meta-data Definition

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Name

Data Attribute Name	**Unique Fire Identifier**
Abbreviation	*Unique Fire ID*

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System of Record	
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Definition

Description	A unique identifier assigned to each wildland fire.

	Data Exchange Standards	**Data Entry Guidelines**
Length	*Maximum: 22 Minimum: 17*	*Maximum: 22 Minimum: 17*
Data Type	*Alphanumeric with hyphens or periods*	*Alphanumeric with hyphens or periods*
Case Sensitivity	*n/a*	*n/a*
Format	*yyyy-SSUUUU-xxxxxx* *yyyy = calendar year, SSUUUU = unit identifier (5 or 6 characters), xxxxxx = local incident identifier (6 to 10 characters)*	*yyyy-SSUUUU-xxxxxx* *yyyy = calendar year, SSUUUU = unit identifier (5 or 6 characters), xxxxxx = local incident identifier (6 to 10 characters)*
Example	*2007-NMMEA-000087, 2007-NMLAD-00DK1E*	*2007-NMMEA-000087, 2007-NMLAD-00DK1E*

Business Rules

1. *The UNIQUE FIRE IDENTIFIER will be issued by the local fire management organization for the land where the fire originated.*

2. *The unit identifier portion corresponds to the POINT OF ORIGIN RESPONSIBLE AGENCY UNIT IDENTIFIER from the responsible unit's corresponding fire report.*

3. *The calendar year portion is derived from the DISCOVERY DATE from the responsible unit's corresponding fire report.*

4. *The local incident identifier portion corresponds to the LOCAL INCIDENT IDENTIFIER, as adjusted to data exchange standards, from the responsible unit's corresponding fire report.*

5. *A UNIQUE FIRE IDENTIFIER must be assigned to only one particular fire and cannot be re-used.*

6. *The fire reports generated by any units other than the responsible unit must also reference the UNIQUE FIRE IDENTIFIER for the corresponding fire.*

A discussion paper about assumptions, clarifications, examples, and background related to this data standard is also available.

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