NWCG Data Standard

POINT OF ORIGIN RESPONSIBLE AGENCY UNIT IDENTIFIER

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This data element refers to the unit identifier for the agency that has protection responsibility to respond to the fire at the point of origin.

The landowner at the point of origin has fire protection responsibility unless the responsibility is assigned through a formal, legal agreement.

The entity entered in this field must have an existing unit identifier. The unit identifier for the agency or organization that has IA responsibility at the point of origin is entered in this field.

Protection responsibility may be assumed by an agency where formal agreements do not exist to protect adjacent land.

Examples:

- The point of origin is on the Boise National Forest and the Boise National forest has responsibility to respond to the fire. The Boise National Forest unit identifier is entered into this field.

- The point of origin is on Oregon state land and the Oregon Department of Forestry has fire protection responsibility. The Oregon Department of Forestry unit identifier is entered into this field.

- The NPS has a small parcel of land that is in proximity to BLM land and the NPS establishes an agreement with the BLM to provide fire protection. The BLM unit identifier is entered into this field.

- A small NPS unit not in proximity to other federal lands may have fire protection provided by another entity, such as the volunteer fire department. In this case, the VFD unit identifier is entered in this field.

There are situations where a private contractor provides fire protection. In this situation the state or federal entity with an existing unit identifier is entered into this field.

Example:

- The Oregon Department of Forestry has fire protection responsibility on BLM land in Western Oregon and the Oregon Department of Forestry contracts with a private contractor to provide fire protection responsibility. The Oregon Department of Forestry is entered into this field.