

ECOSYSTEM UNIT BOUNDARY

STANDARD

Data following this standard should conform to the following:

DATA TYPE	Digital ecosystem information portraying the location and boundaries of the ecosystem units in several file formats. The Service originally chose the U.S. Geological Survey's Hydrologic Unit Map as the foundation for delineating ecosystem unit boundaries on a national scale. Since that time, boundaries in some of the regions have been moved to the closest county boundaries to simplify management responsibilities. The current unit boundaries reflect this combination.
SYNTAX	GIS files in <u>Shapefile format</u> (updated 3/14/2000, but not yet finalized)
RANGE	N/A
RECOMMENDED FIELD NAME	N/A

INSTRUCTIONS

As of the approval date, this data standard will be used whenever spatial data for the Ecosystem Unit Boundaries are required for any application, display, or analysis that references the official U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecosystem Units. It replaces the maps currently delineated on the "[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecosystem Approach Watershed Based Unit Map.](#)"

Service staff are strongly encouraged to utilize this data layer in existing systems, data sets, databases, and information applications. Where existing systems and data-related items are not in compliance, they should be modified to achieve compatibility and implement this data standard.

This data standard also needs to be used in conjunction with the Ecosystem Unit Name and Ecosystem Unit Number Data Element Standards.

SAMPLE DATA FOLLOWING THIS STANDARD

Examples of data and/or lookups for data following this standard:

Refer to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecosystem Approach Watershed Based Unit Map.

RELATED REFERENCE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Applicable policies:

[Part 274, FW 2, Establishing Service Data Standards](#)