DISPATCH GROUP

*X13661.FR\_GIS\_DISPATCH\_GROUP\_AR\_SV, dispatch\_group.shp*

### DEFINITION:

A WI DNR Forestry dispatch group (DG) is a collection of fire response units (FRU) and COOP Teams that are directed by a single Area Forestry Leader, and dispatched out of a common location. There are currently 7 Dispatch Groups. Dispatch groups do not define fire protection responsibilities or types of protection, rather where resources will be dispatched when DNR conducts a prescribed burn or responds to a wildland fire.

### Location: [\\central\frgeo\frgislib\Fire\_Management](../../../frgislib/Fire_Management/Dispatch_Groups/)

### Associated GIS Datasets:

* Related shapefiles: fire\_response\_unit.shp

fire\_protection\_area.shp

* SDE Feature Class: X13661.FR\_GIS\_DISPATCH\_GROUP\_AR\_VAR (SV)
* Topologically related to: X13661.FR\_GIS\_FRU\_AR\_VAR (SV)

X13648.FR\_GIS\_IFFRS\_FRT\_AR\_VAR

X13661.FR\_GIS\_FIRE\_PROTECTION\_AR\_VAR

X13648.FR\_GIS\_IFFRS\_FPA\_AR\_VAR

X13648.FR\_GIS\_IFFRS\_DG\_AR\_VAR (SV)

### Feature Type(s):

Polygon

**Geographic Extent**:

Statewide

**Source Scale**:

1:24K

**Projection:** Wisconsin Transverse Mercator NAD 1983/1991 (WTM83/91)

Parameters

*Projection Transverse*

*Datum HPGN*

*Units Meters*

*Spheroid GRS 1980*

*Scale factor .9996*

*Longitude –90 0 0.00*

*Latitude 0 0 0.00*

*False Easting 520,000*

*False Northing –4,480,000*

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

*History of data layer*: Data was originally collected cooperatively by the Division of Forestry, Bureau of Forest Protection and created as a GIS layer by BTS. In May, 2008, DG boundaries were re-digitized to more accurately match the FPA boundaries using Administrative Code (NR 30.01 and NR 30.02) text description as well as field staff support. In March 2013, the boundaries were re-drawn when the Division re-allocated resources from 9 to 8 dispatch groups.

In November 2016, dispatch group (DG) boundaries were re-digitized to match fire protection area boundaries and align with other geographic source data. (Fire protection area (FPA) boundaries are delineated by Administrative Code (NR 30.01 and NR 30.02) text description.) Better GIS sources for road, and MCD prompted re-digitization. From this base, dispatch group boundaries were created, and further fire response units. These three fire management boundaries layers (DG, FRU, FPA) are topologically related – previous efforts at digitizing fire management boundaries did not retain relationship between the datasets, creating gaps and overlaps, etc.

On January 1, 2018, DG boundaries were programmatically redrawn to align with the Division of Forestry management structure. At this time, DGs were reduced to seven. Dispatch groups are comprised of FRUs (in intensive and extensive protection areas for wildland fire response) and COOP Teams (in cooperative protection for prescribed burn).

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**Update Frequency**:

Infrequent. Current as of January 2018.

**ATTRIBUTES:**

**Shapefile/SDE Crosswalk**:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Field Name (shp)*** | ***Field Name (SDE)*** | ***Data Type*** | ***Example*** |
| **DIS\_GROUP** | DISPATCH\_GROUP | T, 17 | Woodruff |
| **DG\_CO** | DG\_CODE | Short | 84 |
| **CNTY\_NAME** | COUNTY\_NAME | T, 50 | Shawano |
| **DNR\_CNTY\_CO** | DNR\_CNTY\_CODE | Long | 59 |

**Field Descriptions**:

**DIS\_GROUP**: (C, 17)

Name of DNR Dispatch Group.

**DG\_CO**: (Short)

Dispatch Group code.

**Possible Values (Domain):**

**Value Definition**

11 Dodgeville

44 Peshtigo

61 Black River Falls

62 WI Rapids

83 Park Falls

84 Woodruff

85 Spooner

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**Associated Data/Documentation**:

**User Advisory**:

[**http://dnr.wi.gov/legal/acceptableuse.html**](http://dnr.wi.gov/legal/acceptableuse.html)

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