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## **RESULTS DATA**

### **Guidelines for entering BWBS BEC codes into RESULTS, Direction on stocking standards and amendment submissions**

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To: RESULTS users (FLNRO and industry staff)

A new field guide to boreal ecosystems (LMH #65) and a new coding scheme for updated BWBS biogeoclimatic site units has been announced by the Chief Forester, as per the December 15, 2011 memo titled *Land Management Handbook #65*. More detailed information on these updates can be found in extension [note #106](#), New Coding Schemes for Biogeoclimatic Site Units.

What does this mean for RESULTS?

BEC codes are used in RESULTS standards units (SU) and stocking standards id's (SSID's).

Currently, the BEC site series codes in RESULTS support two digits. Because of the complex system linkages within RESULTS two digit site series codes will continue to be the data submission standard. Put simply, the newly defined prefix to site series outlined in extension note #106 (i.e. 101) will not be entered into RESULTS at this time. Also, site series variation is not supported by RESULTS as a data element at this time. For Example: BWBSdk 101 (previously BWBSdk1 01 and BWBSdk1 06) would be entered as BWBSdk 01.

The new BEC codes outlined within LMH #65, without the site series prefix (i.e. 01), should be entered into RESULTS effective January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. When making new SU and SSID submissions to RESULTS consult the crosswalk table in the appendix 1 of LMH #65 to convert any older codes to the new classification BEC subzone/variant and site series.

Effective January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, new SSID's created in RESULTS should align with the updated BEC classification identified in LMH #65. New SSID's should be created where new combinations of BGC classification (e.g. zone, subzone, variant, site series) are needed to align with LMH #65.

It is important to note that there is no requirement to update opening SU's in RESULTS or approved SSID's. Functionality with old BEC classification will be maintained and amendments will continue to function. There is no need to update BEC codes when making amendments.

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