The Intermountain Antiquities Computer System consists of separate data base management programs sharing nearly identical data items. While they are different and cannot usually interact directly, these computer systems share the same site form and can exchange site data. Each institution is wholly responsible for the organization and maintenance of its own system. For those individuals who need to access one of the various systems, instructions for each system are available as appendices to this guide. Information about regional variants of the site form should be available in the local SHPO office or from the local offices of most land management agencies.

The IMACS committee consists of representatives of the various land management agencies that require the use of this data dictionary for work performed on their lands, and other interested parties. This committee meets semi-annually to consider alterations in the common data dictionary. As of the Fall 1991 meeting, the variable list is considered frozen for a period of 2 years. New items can be added to an existing variable, but no new variables will be considered until Fall 1993.

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