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**Paleontological Specimen Data Form**

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3. Repository official name, title, and contact information: Click here to enter text.	
4. Field number: Click here to enter text.	5. Specimen identification: Click here to enter text.
6. Locality name/number: Click here to enter text.	7. GPS information: Click here to enter text.
8. Attach 1:24,000 scale topographic map depicting location of specimen/locality; include map name, source, size, edition, projection, datum, and/or other mapping information.	
9. Repository accession number: Click here to enter text.	10. Repository catalog number: Click here to enter text.
11. Notes regarding specimen condition and curatorial needs related to condition: Click here to enter text.	

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1. **Repository Name and Address:** Enter the name and correspondence address of the repository institution. Alternatively, enter "see permit" if a copy of the signed *Authorization to Conduct Paleontological Resources Research or Collection* containing this information is appended to this report.
2. **Repository Institutional acronym:** Enter the standard acronym of the repository institution. ex: Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History = YPM
3. **Repository official name, title, and contact information:** Enter the name, title, and correspondence address of the authorized repository officer who signed the repository agreement. Alternatively, enter "see permit" if a copy of the signed *Authorization to Conduct Paleontological Resources Research or Collection* containing this information is appended to this report.
4. **Field number:** Enter the specimen-specific and/or location-specific field number assigned by the collector(s).
5. **Specimen identification:** Identify the taxon and anatomical part(s) to the most detailed extent practicable. If collected in bulk, describe the nature of the assemblage.
6. **Locality name/number:** Enter the name of the locality or locality number as used in the field and/or field notes to differentiate this collecting area from other areas of collection.
7. **GPS information:** Provide UTM coordinates for the specimen collection site or the approximate center of the collection locality. Alternatively, one or more digital GIS shape files containing the requested coordinates may be submitted. Digitally-submitted GIS data must be compatible with existing Forest Service software and must be approved in advance by the FS project reviewer. If submitted digitally, the file name(s) should be referenced in this block.
8. **Attach 1:24,000 scale topographic map depicting location of specimen/locality; include map name, source, size, edition, projection, datum, and/or other mapping information:** Attach hard copy map sheets depicting the specimen collection sites and/or localities, together with the specified map information. One or more digital GIS shape files containing the requested information may be submitted in lieu of hard copy maps. If submitted digitally, the file name(s) should be referenced in this block.
9. **Repository accession number:** Enter the number assigned by the repository to accession the collection.
10. **Repository catalog number:** Enter the catalog number assigned by the repository to the specimen or bulk sample.
11. **Notes regarding specimen condition and curatorial needs related to condition:** Enter any observation(s) related to need for immediate curatorial care which may be required to ensure preservation of the specimen or bulk sample.