

The Idaho Geodetic Control Technical Working Group (GC-TWG) is in agreement that a standardized International Foot should be adopted throughout the United States, thereby deprecating use of the US Survey foot. However, the GC-TWG takes exception to the statement:

“After that date, the “U.S. survey foot” will be superseded by the “foot” (formerly known as the “international foot”)”

Removing the clarifying prefix of “international” will surely lead to confusion and errors amongst geospatial professionals, especially those more accustomed to using the US Survey foot. Thus, the Idaho GC-TWG respectfully requests NIST and the NGS to retain usage of the full designation “international foot” for the linear foot unit being adopted and standardized on December 31st, 2022.