

# Package ‘MazamaLocationUtils’

January 28, 2021

**Type** Package

**Version** 0.1.13

**Title** Manage Spatial Metadata for Known Locations

**Author** Jonathan Callahan [aut, cre],  
Eli Grosman [aut]

**Maintainer** Jonathan Callahan <jonathan.s.callahan@gmail.com>

**Description** A suite of utility functions for discovering and managing metadata associated with sets of spatially unique ``known locations".

**License** GPL-3

**URL** <https://github.com/MazamaScience/MazamaLocationUtils>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/MazamaScience/MazamaLocationUtils/issues>

**Depends** R (>= 3.5)

**Imports** digest, dplyr, geodist (>= 0.0.7), httr, jsonlite, lubridate, methods, magrittr, MazamaCoreUtils, MazamaSpatialUtils (>= 0.7), readr, rlang, stringr

**Suggests** knitr, markdown, testthat (>= 2.1.0), rmarkdown, roxygen2

**Encoding** UTF-8

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**LazyData** true

**RoxygenNote** 7.1.1

**NeedsCompilation** no

**Repository** CRAN

**Date/Publication** 2021-01-28 15:10:14 UTC

## R topics documented:

apiKeys	2
coreMetadataNames	3
getAPIKey	4

getLocationDataDir . . . . .	4
id_monitors_500 . . . . .	5
LocationDataDir . . . . .	5
location_createID . . . . .	6
location_getCensusBlock . . . . .	7
location_getSingleAddress_Photon . . . . .	8
location_getSingleAddress_TexasAM . . . . .	9
location_getSingleElevation_USGS . . . . .	10
location_initialize . . . . .	11
MazamaLocationUtils . . . . .	13
mazama_initialize . . . . .	14
or_monitors_500 . . . . .	15
setAPIKey . . . . .	16
setLocationDataDir . . . . .	16
table_addColumn . . . . .	17
table_addLocation . . . . .	18
table_addSingleLocation . . . . .	19
table_export . . . . .	21
table_findOverlappingLocations . . . . .	22
table_getLocationID . . . . .	23
table_getNearestDistance . . . . .	24
table_getNearestLocation . . . . .	25
table_getRecordIndex . . . . .	26
table_initialize . . . . .	27
table_initializeExisting . . . . .	28
table_load . . . . .	29
table_removeColumn . . . . .	30
table_removeRecord . . . . .	31
table_save . . . . .	32
table_updateColumn . . . . .	33
table_updateSingleRecord . . . . .	35
validateLonLat . . . . .	36
validateLonsLats . . . . .	37
validateMazamaSpatialUtils . . . . .	37
wa_airfire_meta . . . . .	38
wa_monitors_500 . . . . .	38

**Index****40**

**Description**

This package maintains an internal set of API keys which users can set using `setAPIKey()`. These keys will be remembered for the duration of an R session. The following service providers are supported:

- "google"
- "bing"
- "esri"
- "texasam"
- "custom1"
- "custom2"

**Format**

List of character strings.

**See Also**

[getAPIKey](#)

[setAPIKey](#)

---

coreMetadataNames	<i>Names of standard spatial metadata columns</i>
-------------------	---

---

**Description**

Character string identifiers of the different types of spatial metadata this package can generate.

**Usage**

```
coreMetadataNames
```

**Format**

A vector with 3 elements

**Details**

```
coreMetadataNames
```

---

`getAPIKey`*Get API key*

---

**Description**

Returns the API key associated with a web service. If `provider == NULL` a list is returned containing all recognized API keys.

**Usage**

```
getAPIKey(provider = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`provider` Web service provider.

**Value**

API key string or a list of provider:key pairs.

**See Also**

[apiKeys](#)

[setAPIKey](#)

---

`getLocationDataDir`*Get location data directory*

---

**Description**

Returns the directory path where known location data tables are located.

**Usage**

```
getLocationDataDir()
```

**Value**

Absolute path string.

**See Also**

[LocationDataDir](#)

[setLocationDataDir](#)

---

id_monitors_500	<i>Idaho monitor locations dataset</i>
-----------------	--

---

### Description

The id\_monitor\_500 dataset provides a set of known locations associated with Idaho state air quality monitors. This dataset was generated on 2019-10-21 by running:

```
library(PWFSLSmoke)
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

mazama_initialize()
setLocationDataDir("./data")

monitor <- monitor_loadLatest()
lons <- monitor$meta$longitude
lats <- monitor$meta$latitude

table_initialize()
  table_addLocation(lons, lats, radius = 500)
  table_save("id_monitors_500")
```

### Usage

```
id_monitors_500
```

### Format

A tibble with 34 rows and 13 columns of data.

### See Also

[or\\_monitors\\_500](#)  
[wa\\_monitors\\_500](#)

---

LocationDataDir	<i>Directory for location data</i>
-----------------	------------------------------------

---

### Description

This package maintains an internal directory path which users can set using setLocationDataDir(). All package functions use this directory whenever known location tables are accessed.

The default setting when the package is loaded is getwd().

**Format**

Absolute path string.

**See Also**

[getLocationDataDir](#)

[setLocationDataDir](#)

---

location_createID	<i>Create one or more unique locationIDs</i>
-------------------	--

---

**Description**

A unique locationID is created for each incoming longitude and latitude. The following code is used to generate each locationID. See the references for details.

```
# Retain accuracy up to ~.1m
locationString <- paste0(
  sprintf("%.7f", longitude),
  "-",
  sprintf("%.7f", latitude)
)

# Avoid collisions until billions of records
locationID <- digest::digest(locationString, algo = "xxhash64")
```

**Usage**

```
location_createID(longitude = NULL, latitude = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

longitude	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL

**Value**

Vector of character locationIDs.

**References**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decimal\\_degrees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decimal_degrees)

<https://www.johndcook.com/blog/2017/01/10/probability-of-secure-hash-collisions/>

## Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333
locationID <- location_createID(lon, lat)
```

---

location\_getCensusBlock

*Get census block data from the FCC API*

---

## Description

The FCC Block API is used get census block, county, and state FIPS associated with the longitude and latitude. The following list of data is returned:

- stateCode
- county
- censusBlock

The data from this function should be considered to be the gold standard for state and county. i.e. this information could and should be used to override information we get elsewhere.

## Usage

```
location_getCensusBlock(longitude = NULL, latitude = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

## Value

List of census block/county/state data.

## References

[https://geo.fcc.gov/api/census/#!/block/get\\_block\\_find](https://geo.fcc.gov/api/census/#!/block/get_block_find)

## Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

lon <- -77.51
lat <- 38.26

censusList <- location_getCensusBlock(lon, lat)
str(censusList)
```

---

location\_getSingleAddress\_Photon

*Get address data from the Photon API to OpenStreetMap*

---

## Description

The Photon API is used get address data associated with the longitude and latitude. The following list of data is returned:

- houseNumber
- street
- city
- stateCode
- stateName
- zip
- countryCode
- countryName

The function makes an effort to convert both state and country Name into Code with codes defaulting to NA. Both Name and Code are returned so that improvements can be made in the conversion algorithm.

## Usage

```
location_getSingleAddress_Photon(
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  baseUrl = "https://photon.komoot.io/reverse",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```



**Arguments**

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
baseUrl	Base URL for data queries.
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

List of address components.

**References**

<https://photon.komoot.io>

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Set up standard directories and spatial data
spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
mazama_initialize(spatialDataDir)

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333
addressList <- location_getSingleAddress_Photon(lon, lat)
str(addressList)
```

---

location\_getSingleAddress\_TexasAM

*Get an address from a Texas A&M web service*

---

**Description**

Texas A&M APIs are used to determine the address associated with the longitude and latitude.

**Usage**

```
location_getSingleAddress_TexasAM(
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  apiKey = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
apiKey	Texas A&M Geocoding requires an API key. The first 2500 requests are free. Default: NULL
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Numeric elevation value.

**References**

[https://geoservices.tamu.edu/Services/ReverseGeocoding/WebService/v04\\_01/HTTP.aspx](https://geoservices.tamu.edu/Services/ReverseGeocoding/WebService/v04_01/HTTP.aspx)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Set up standard directories and spatial data
spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
mazama_initialize(spatialDataDir)

# Wenatchee
longitude <- -122.47
latitude <- 47.47
apiKey <- YOUR_PERSONAL_API_KEY

location_getSingleAddress_TexasAM(longitude, latitude, apiKey)

## End(Not run)
```

---

location\_getSingleElevation\_USGS

*Get elevation data from a USGS web service*

---

**Description**

USGS APIs are used to determine the elevation associated with the longitude and latitude.

**Usage**

```
location_getSingleElevation_USGS(
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Numeric elevation value.

**References**

<https://nationalmap.gov/epqs/>

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333
location_getSingleElevation_USGS(lon, lat)
```

---

location\_initialize    *Create known location record with core metadata*

---

**Description**

Creates a known location record with the following columns of core metadata:

- locationID
- locationName
- longitude
- latitude
- elevation
- countryCode
- stateCode
- county
- timezone
- houseNumber
- street
- city
- zip

**Usage**

```
location_initialize(  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  stateDataset = "NaturalEarthAdm1",  
  elevationService = NULL,  
  addressService = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
stateDataset	Name of spatial dataset to use for determining state
elevationService	Name of the elevation service to use for determining the elevation. Default: NULL. Accepted values: "usgs".
addressService	Name of the address service to use for determining the street address. Default: NULL Accepted values: "photon".
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Tibble with a single new known location.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
# Set up standard directories and spatial data  
spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"  
mazama_initialize(spatialDataDir)  
  
# Wenatchee  
lon <- -120.325278  
lat <- 47.423333  
locationRecord <- location_initialize(lon, lat)
```

---

MazamaLocationUtils    *Manage Spatial Metadata for Known Locations*

---

### Description

A suite of utility functions for discovering and managing metadata associated with sets of spatially unique "known locations".

This package is intended to be used in support of data management activities associated with fixed locations in space. The motivating fields include both air and water quality monitoring where fixed sensors report at regular time intervals.

### Details

When working with environmental monitoring time series, one of the first things you have to do is create unique identifiers for each individual time series. In an ideal world, each environmental time series would have both a `locationID` and a `sensorID` that uniquely identify the spatial location and specific instrument making measurements. A unique `timeseriesID` could be produced as `locationID_sensorID`. Metadata associated with each time series would contain basic information needed for downstream analysis including at least:

`timeseriesID`, `locationID`, `sensorID`, `longitude`, `latitude`, ...

- Multiple sensors placed at a location could be grouped by `locationID`.
- An extended timeservers for a mobile sensor would group by `sensorID`.
- Maps would be created using `longitude`, `latitude`.
- Time series would be accessed from a secondary data table with `timeseriesID`.

Unfortunately, we are rarely supplied with a truly unique and truly spatial `locationID`. Instead we often use `sensorID` or an associated non-spatial identifier as a standin for `locationID`.

Complications we have seen include:

- GPS-reported longitude and latitude can have `_jitter_` in the fourth or fifth decimal place making it challenging to use them to create a unique `locationID`.
- Sensors are sometimes `_repositioned_` in what the scientist considers the "same location".
- Data for a single sensor goes through different processing pipelines using different identifiers and is later brought together as two separate timeseries.
- The radius of what constitutes a "single location" depends on the instrumentation and scientific question being asked.
- Deriving location-based metadata from spatial datasets is computationally intensive unless saved and identified with a unique `locationID`.
- Automated searches for spatial metadata occasionally produce incorrect results because of the non-infinite resolution of spatial datasets.

This package attempts to address all of these issues by maintaining a table of known locations for which CPU intensive spatial data calculations have already been performed. While requests to add new locations to the table may take some time, searches for spatial metadata associated with existing locations are simple lookups.

Working in this manner will solve the problems initially mentioned but also provides further useful functionality.

- Administrators can correct entries in the `collectionName` table. (e.g. locations in river bends that even high resolution spatial datasets mis-assign)
- Additional, non-automatable metadata can be added to `collectionName`. (e.g. commonly used location names within a community of practice)
- Different field campaigns can have separate `collectionName` tables.
- .csv or .rda versions of well populated tables can be downloaded from a URL and used locally, giving scientists working with known locations instant access to spatial data that otherwise requires special skills, large datasets and lots of compute cycles.

---

mazama\_initialize      *Initialize with MazamaScience standard directories*

---

## Description

Convenience function to initialize spatial data. Wraps the following setup lines:

```
MazamaSpatialUtils::setSpatialDataDir(spatialDataDir)

MazamaSpatialUtils::loadSpatialData("EEZCountries")
MazamaSpatialUtils::loadSpatialData("OSMTimezones")
MazamaSpatialUtils::loadSpatialData("NaturalEarthAdm1")
MazamaSpatialUtils::loadSpatialData("USCensusCounties")
```

## Usage

```
mazama_initialize(spatialDataDir = "~/Data/Spatial")
```

## Arguments

`spatialDataDir` Directory where spatial datasets are found, Default: "~/Data/Spatial"

## Value

No return value.

## Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Set up directory for spatial data
spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
MazamaSpatialUtils::setSpatialDataDir(spatialDataDir)

exists("NaturalEarthAdm1")
mazama_initialize(spatialDataDir)
exists("NaturalEarthAdm1")
class(NaturalEarthAdm1)
```

---

or_monitors_500	<i>Oregon monitor locations dataset</i>
-----------------	---

---

## Description

The or\_monitor\_500 dataset provides a set of known locations associated with Oregon state air quality monitors. This dataset was generated on 2019-10-21 by running:

```
library(PWFSLSmoke)
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

mazama_initialize()
setLocationDataDir("../data")

monitor <- monitor_loadLatest()
lons <- monitor$meta$longitude
lats <- monitor$meta$latitude

table_initialize()
table_addLocation(lons, lats, radius = 500)
table_save("or_monitors_500")
```

## Usage

```
or_monitors_500
```

## Format

A tibble with 40 rows and 13 columns of data.

## See Also

[id\\_monitors\\_500](#)

[wa\\_monitors\\_500](#)

---

setAPIKey	<i>Set APIKey</i>
-----------	-------------------

---

**Description**

Sets the API key associated with a web service.

**Usage**

```
setAPIKey(provider = NULL, key = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

provider	Web service provider.
key	API key.

**Value**

Silently returns previous value of the API key.

**See Also**

[LocationDataDir](#)  
[getLocationDataDir](#)

---

setLocationDataDir	<i>Set location data directory</i>
--------------------	------------------------------------

---

**Description**

Sets the data directory where known location data tables are located. If the directory does not exist, it will be created.

**Usage**

```
setLocationDataDir(dataDir)
```

**Arguments**

dataDir	Directory where location tables are stored.
---------	---

**Value**

Silently returns previous value of the data directory.



**See Also**[LocationDataDir](#)[getLocationDataDir](#)

---

table_addColumn	<i>Add a new column of metadata to a table</i>
-----------------	--

---

**Description**

A new metadata column is added to the locationTbl. For matching locationID records the associated locationData is inserted. Otherwise, the new column will be initialized with NA.

**Usage**

```
table_addColumn(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  columnName = NULL,  
  locationID = NULL,  
  locationData = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
columnName	Name to use for the new column, Default: NULL
locationID	Vector of locationID strings, Default: NULL
locationData	Vector of data to used at matching records, Default: NULL
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Updated tibble of known locations.

**See Also**[table\\_removeColumn](#)[table\\_updateColumn](#)

**Examples**

```

library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Starting table
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
names(locationTbl)

# Add an empty column
locationTbl <-
  locationTbl %>%
  table_addColumn("siteName")

names(locationTbl)

```

---

table_addLocation	<i>Add new known location records to a table</i>
-------------------	--

---

**Description**

Incoming longitude and latitude values are compared against the incoming locationTbl to see if they are already within radius meters of an existing entry. A new record is created for each location that is not already found in locationTbl.

**Usage**

```

table_addLocation(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  longitude = NULL,
  latitude = NULL,
  radius = NULL,
  stateDataset = "NaturalEarthAdm1",
  elevationService = NULL,
  addressService = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
longitude	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
radius	Radius in meters, Default: NULL
stateDataset	Name of spatial dataset to use for determining state codes, Default: 'NaturalEarthAdm1'
elevationService	Name of the elevation service to use for determining the elevation. Default: NULL. Accepted values: "usgs".

addressService Name of the address service to use for determining the street address. Default: NULL. Accepted values: "photon".

verbose Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Updated tibble of known locations.

**Note**

This function is a vectorized version of table\_addSingleLocation().

**See Also**

[table\\_addSingleLocation](#)  
[table\\_removeRecord](#)  
[table\\_updateSingleRecord](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Set up standard directories and spatial data
spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"
mazama_initialize(spatialDataDir)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))

# Coulee City, WA
lon <- -119.290904
lat <- 47.611942

locationTbl <-
  locationTbl %>%
  table_addLocation(lon, lat, radius = 500)

dplyr::glimpse(locationTbl)
```

---

table\_addSingleLocation

*Add a single new known location record to a table*

---

**Description**

Incoming longitude and latitude values are compared against the incoming locationTbl to see if they are already within radius meters of an existing entry. A new record is created if the location is not already found in locationTbl.

**Usage**

```
table_addSingleLocation(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  radius = NULL,  
  stateDataset = "NaturalEarthAdm1",  
  elevationService = NULL,  
  addressService = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
radius	Radius in meters, Default: NULL
stateDataset	Name of spatial dataset to use for determining state codes, Default: 'NaturalEarthAdm1'
elevationService	Name of the elevation service to use for determining the elevation. Default: NULL. Accepted values: "usgs".
addressService	Name of the address service to use for determining the street address. Default: NULL. Accepted values: "photon".
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Updated tibble of known locations.

**See Also**

[table\\_addLocation](#)

[table\\_removeRecord](#)

[table\\_updateSingleRecord](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
# Set up standard directories and spatial data  
spatialDataDir <- tempdir() # typically "~/Data/Spatial"  
mazama_initialize(spatialDataDir)  
  
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
```

```
# Coulee City, WA
lon <- -119.290904
lat <- 47.611942

locationTbl <-
  locationTbl %>%
  table_addSingleLocation(lon, lat, radius = 500)
```

---

table_export	<i>Export a known location table</i>
--------------	--------------------------------------

---

### Description

Export a known location tibble as CSV format.

### Usage

```
table_export(locationTbl = NULL, outputType = "csv")
```

### Arguments

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
outputType	Output format, Default: 'csv'

### Value

Representation of a known location table in the desired format.

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
csvString <- table_export(locationTbl)
```

---

`table_findOverlappingLocations`*Finds overlapping locations in a known locations table.*

---

### Description

Calculates distances between all locations within a known locations table and returns a tibble with the row indices and separation distances of those records with overlapping locations.

It is useful when working with new metadata tables to identify overlapping locations early on so that decisions can be made about the appropriateness of the specified radius.

### Usage

```
table_findOverlappingLocations(tbl = NULL, radius = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>tbl</code>	Tibble with longitude and latitude columns.
<code>radius</code>	Radius in meters.

### Value

Tibble of row indices and distances for those locations which overlap.

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

meta <- wa_airfire_meta

# Anything locations closer than 2 km? (diameter = 2*radius)
table_findOverlappingLocations(meta, radius = 1000)

# How about 4 km?
table_findOverlappingLocations(meta, radius = 2000)

# Let's look at those locations

tooCloseTbl <- table_findOverlappingLocations(meta, radius = 2000)

for ( i in seq_len(nrow(tooCloseTbl)) ) {
  rows <- as.numeric(tooCloseTbl[i, 1:2])
  cat(sprintf("\n%5.1f meters apart:\n", tooCloseTbl$distance[i]))
  print(meta[rows, c('longitude', 'latitude', 'siteName')])
}
```

---

table_getLocationID	<i>Return IDs of known locations</i>
---------------------	--------------------------------------

---

### Description

Returns a vector of locationIDs for the known locations that each incoming location will be assigned to within the given. If more than one known location exists within the given radius, the closest will be assigned. NA will be returned for each incoming that cannot be assigned to a known location in locationTbl.

### Usage

```
table_getLocationID(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  radius = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
longitude	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
radius	Radius in meters, Default: NULL

### Value

Vector of known locationIDs.

### Examples

```
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))  
  
# Wenatchee  
lon <- -120.325278  
lat <- 47.423333  
  
# Too small a radius will not find a match  
table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 50)  
  
# Expanding the radius will find one  
table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 5000)
```

---

`table_getNearestDistance`*Return distances to nearest known locations*

---

### Description

Returns a distances from known locations in `locationTbl`, one for each incoming location. If no known location is found within `radius` meters for a particular incoming location, that distance in the vector will be NA.

### Usage

```
table_getNearestDistance(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  radius = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>locationTbl</code>	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
<code>longitude</code>	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
<code>latitude</code>	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
<code>radius</code>	Radius in meters, Default: NULL

### Value

Vector of distances from known locations.

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))  
  
# Wenatchee  
lon <- -120.325278  
lat <- 47.423333  
  
# Too small a radius will not find a match  
table_getNearestDistance(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 50)  
  
# Expanding the radius will find one  
table_getNearestDistance(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 5000)
```



---

`table_getNearestLocation`*Return known locations*

---

### Description

Returns a tibble of known locations from `locationTbl`, one for each incoming location. If no known location is found for a particular incoming location, that record in the tibble will contain all NA.

### Usage

```
table_getNearestLocation(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  longitude = NULL,  
  latitude = NULL,  
  radius = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>locationTbl</code>	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
<code>longitude</code>	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
<code>latitude</code>	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL
<code>radius</code>	Radius in meters, Default: NULL

### Value

Tibble of known locations.

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))  
  
# Wenatchee  
lon <- -120.325278  
lat <- 47.423333  
  
# Too small a radius will not find a match  
table_getNearestLocation(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 50) %>% str()  
  
# Expanding the radius will find one  
table_getNearestLocation(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 5000) %>% str()
```

---

table\_getRecordIndex *Return indexes of known location records*

---

### Description

Returns a vector of locationTbl row indexes for the locations associated with each locationID.

### Usage

```
table_getRecordIndex(locationTbl = NULL, locationID = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

locationTbl      Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL  
locationID        Vector of locationID strings, Default: NULL  
verbose           Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Vector of locationTbl row indexes.

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333

# Get the locationID first
locationID <- table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 5000)

# Now find the row associated with this ID
recordIndex <- table_getRecordIndex(locationTbl, locationID)

str(locationTbl[recordIndex,])
```

---

table_initialize	<i>Create an empty known location table</i>
------------------	---

---

### Description

Creates an empty known location tibble with the following columns of core metadata:

- locationID
- locationName
- longitude
- latitude
- elevation
- countryCode
- stateCode
- county
- timezone
- houseNumber
- street
- city
- zip

### Usage

```
table_initialize()
```

### Value

Empty known location tibble with the specified metadata columns.

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Create an empty Tbl
emptyTbl <- table_initialize()
print(emptyTbl)
```

---

`table_initializeExisting`*Converts an existing table into a known location table*

---

### Description

An existing table may have much of the data that is needed for a known location table. This function accepts an incoming table and searches for required columns:

- locationID
- locationName
- longitude
- latitude
- elevation
- countryCode
- stateCode
- county
- timezone
- houseNumber
- street
- city
- zip

The longitude and latitude columns are required but all others are optional.

If any of these optional columns are found, they will be used and the often slow and sometimes slightly inaccurate steps to generate that information will be skipped. Any additional columns of information not part of the required list will be retained.

This method skips the assignment of columns like elevation and all address related fields that require web service requests.

Compared to initializing a brand new table and populating one record at a time, this is a much faster way of creating a known location table from a pre-existing table of metadata.

### Usage

```
table_initializeExisting(  
tbl = NULL,  
stateDataset = "NaturalEarthAdm1",  
countryCodes = NULL,  
radius = NULL,  
verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

tbl	Table of spatial locations that will be converted into a "known location" table.
stateDataset	Name of spatial dataset to use for determining state codes, Default: 'NaturalEarthAdm1'
countryCodes	Vector of country codes used to optimize spatial searching. (See ?MazamaSpatialUtils::getStateCode())
radius	Radius in meters, Default: NULL
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Known location tibble with the specified metadata columns. Any locations whose circles (as defined by radius) overlap will generate warning messages.

It is incumbent upon the user to address these issue by one of:

1. reduce the radius until no overlaps occur
2. assign one of the overlapping locations to the other location

---

table_load	<i>Load a known location table</i>
------------	------------------------------------

---

**Description**

Load a tibble of known locations from the preferred directory.

**Usage**

```
table_load(collectionName = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

collectionName Character identifier for this table, Default: NULL

**Value**

Tibble of known locations.

**See Also**

[setLocationDataDir](#)

## Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Set the directory for saving location tables
setLocationDataDir(tempdir())

# Load an example table and check the dimensions
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
dim(locationTbl)

# Save it as "table_load_example"
table_save(locationTbl, "table_load_example")

# Load it and check the dimensions
my_table <- table_load("table_load_example")
dim(my_table)

# Check the locationDataDir
list.files(getLocationDataDir(), pattern = "table_load_example")
```

---

table_removeColumn	<i>Remove a column of metadata in a table</i>
--------------------	---

---

## Description

Remove the column matching columnName. This function can be used in pipelines.

## Usage

```
table_removeColumn(locationTbl = NULL, columnName = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
columnName	Name of the colun to be removed, Default: NULL
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

## Value

Updated tibble of known locations.

## See Also

[table\\_addColumn](#)  
[table\\_removeColumn](#)

## Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Starting table
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
names(locationTbl)

# Add a new column
locationTbl <-
  locationTbl %>%
  table_addColumn("siteName")

names(locationTbl)

# Now remove it
locationTbl <-
  locationTbl %>%
  table_removeColumn("siteName")

names(locationTbl)

## Not run:
# Cannot remove "core" metadata
locationTbl <-
  locationTbl %>%
  table_removeColumn("zip")

## End(Not run)
```

---

table_removeRecord	<i>Remove location records from a table</i>
--------------------	---

---

## Description

Incoming locationID values are compared against the incoming locationTbl and any matches are removed.

## Usage

```
table_removeRecord(locationTbl = NULL, locationID = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
locationID	Vector of locationID strings, Default: NULL
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Updated tibble of known locations.

**See Also**

[table\\_addLocation](#)

[table\\_addSingleLocation](#)

[table\\_updateSingleRecord](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
dim(locationTbl)

# Wenatchee
lon <- -120.325278
lat <- 47.423333

# Get the locationID first
locationID <- table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 500)

# Remove it
locationTbl <- table_removeRecord(locationTbl, locationID)
dim(locationTbl)

# Test
table_getLocationID(locationTbl, lon, lat, radius = 500)
```

---

table\_save

*Save a known location table*

---

**Description**

Save a tibble of known locations to the preferred directory.

**Usage**

```
table_save(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  collectionName = NULL,
  backup = TRUE,
  outputType = "rda"
)
```



**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
collectionName	Character identifier for this table, Default: NULL
backup	Logical specifying whether to save a backup version of any existing tables sharing collectionName.
outputType	Output format, Default: 'rda'

**Details**

Backup files are saved with "YYYY-mm-ddTHH:MM:SS"

**Value**

File path of saved file.

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

# Set the directory for saving location tables
setLocationDataDir(tempdir())

# Load an example table and check the dimensions
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
dim(locationTbl)

# Save it as "table_save_example"
table_save(locationTbl, "table_save_example")

# Add a column and save again
locationTbl %>%
  table_addColumn("my_column") %>%
  table_save(locationTbl, "table_save_example")

# Check the locationDataDir
list.files(getLocationDataDir(), pattern = "table_save_example")
```

---

table_updateColumn	<i>Update a column of metadata in a table</i>
--------------------	---

---

**Description**

For matching locationID records the associated locationData is used to replace any existing value in columnName.

**Usage**

```
table_updateColumn(
  locationTbl = NULL,
  columnName = NULL,
  locationID = NULL,
  locationData = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

locationTbl	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
columnName	Name to use for the new column, Default: NULL
locationID	Vector of locationID strings, Default: NULL
locationData	Vector of data to used at matching records, Default: NULL
verbose	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

**Value**

Updated tibble of known locations.

**See Also**

[table\\_addColumn](#)  
[table\\_removeColumn](#)

**Examples**

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))
wa <- get(data("wa_airfire_meta"))

# We will merge some metadata from wa into locationTbl

# Record indices for wa
wa_indices <- seq(5,65,5)
wa_sub <- wa[wa_indices,]

locationID <- table_getLocationID(locationTbl, wa_sub$longitude, wa_sub$latitude, radius = 500)
locationData <- wa_sub$siteName

locationTbl <- table_updateColumn(locationTbl, "siteName", locationID, locationData)

# Look at the data we attempted to merge
wa$siteName[wa_indices]

# And two columns from the updated locationTbl
locationTbl_indices <- table_getRecordIndex(locationTbl, locationID)
```

```
locationTbl[locationTbl_indices, c("city", "siteName")]
```

---

```
table_updateSingleRecord
```

*Update a single known location record in a table*

---

### Description

Information in the `locationList` is used to replace existing information found in `locationTbl`. This function can be used for small tweaks to an existing `locationTbl`. Wholesale replacement of records should be performed with `table_removeRecord()` followed by `table_addLocation()`.

### Usage

```
table_updateSingleRecord(  
  locationTbl = NULL,  
  locationList = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>locationTbl</code>	Tibble of known locations, Default: NULL
<code>locationList</code>	List containing 'locationID' and one or more named columns whose values are to be replaced, Default: NULL
<code>verbose</code>	Logical controlling the generation of progress messages.

### Value

Updated tibble of known locations.

### See Also

[table\\_addLocation](#)

[table\\_addSingleLocation](#)

[table\\_removeRecord](#)

### Examples

```
library(MazamaLocationUtils)  
  
locationTbl <- get(data("wa_monitors_500"))  
  
# Wenatchee  
wenatcheeRecord <-  
  locationTbl %>%
```

```
dplyr::filter(city == "Wenatchee")
str(wenatcheeRecord)

wenatcheeID <- wenatcheeRecord$locationID

locationTbl <- table_updateSingleRecord(
  locationTbl,
  locationList = list(
    locationID = wenatcheeID,
    locationName = "Wenatchee-Fifth St"
  )
)

# Look at the new record
locationTbl %>%
  dplyr::filter(city == "Wenatchee") %>%
  str()
```

---

validateLonLat

*Validate longitude and latitude values*

---

### Description

Longitude and latitude are validated to be parseable as numeric and within the bounds -180:180 and -90:90. If validation fails, an error is generated.

### Usage

```
validateLonLat(longitude = NULL, latitude = NULL)
```

### Arguments

longitude	Single longitude in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Single latitude in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL

### Value

Invisibly returns TRUE if no error message has been generated.

---

validateLonsLats	<i>Validate longitude and latitude vectors</i>
------------------	--

---

**Description**

Longitude and latitude vectors validated to be parseable as numeric and within the bounds -180:180 and -90:90. If validation fails, an error is generated.

**Usage**

```
validateLonsLats(longitude = NULL, latitude = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

longitude	Vector of longitudes in decimal degrees E, Default: NULL
latitude	Vector of latitudes in decimal degrees N, Default: NULL

**Value**

Invisibly returns TRUE if no error message has been generated.

---

validateMazamaSpatialUtils	<i>Validate proper setup of MazamaSpatialUtils</i>
----------------------------	--

---

**Description**

The **MazamaSpatialUtils** package must be properly installed and initialized before using functions from the **MazamaLocationUtils** package. Functions can test for this

**Usage**

```
validateMazamaSpatialUtils()
```

**Value**

Invisibly returns TRUE if no error message has been generated.

---

wa_airfire_meta	<i>Washington monitor metadata dataset</i>
-----------------	--

---

### Description

The wa\_pwfsl\_meta dataset provides a set of Washington state air quality monitor metadata used by the USFS AirFire group. This dataset was generated on 2019-10-21 by running:

```
library(PWFSLSmoke)

wa_airfire_meta <-
  monitor_loadLatest()
  monitor_subset(stateCodes = "WA")
  monitor_extractMeta()

save(wa_airfire_meta, file = "data/wa_airfire_meta.rda")
```

### Usage

```
wa_airfire_meta
```

### Format

A tibble with 69 rows and 19 columns of data.

---

wa_monitors_500	<i>Washington monitor locations dataset</i>
-----------------	---

---

### Description

The wa\_monitor\_500 dataset provides a set of known locations associated with Washington state air quality monitors. This dataset was generated on 2019-10-21 by running:

```
library(PWFSLSmoke)
library(MazamaLocationUtils)

mazama_initialize()
setLocationDataDir("./data")

monitor <- monitor_loadLatest()
lons <- monitor$meta$longitude
lats <- monitor$meta$latitude

table_initialize()
table_addLocation(lons, lats, radius = 500)
table_save("wa_monitors_500")
```

**Usage**

`wa_monitors_500`

**Format**

A tibble with 69 rows and 13 columns of data.

**See Also**

[id\\_monitors\\_500](#)

[or\\_monitors\\_500](#)

# Index

- \* **datasets**
  - coreMetadataNames, [3](#)
  - id\_monitors\_500, [5](#)
  - or\_monitors\_500, [15](#)
  - wa\_airfire\_meta, [38](#)
  - wa\_monitors\_500, [38](#)
- \* **environment**
  - apiKeys, [2](#)
  - getAPIKey, [4](#)
  - getLocationDataDir, [4](#)
  - LocationDataDir, [5](#)
  - setAPIKey, [16](#)
  - setLocationDataDir, [16](#)
- apiKeys, [2, 4](#)
- coreMetadataNames, [3](#)
- getAPIKey, [3, 4](#)
- getLocationDataDir, [4, 6, 16, 17](#)
- id\_monitors\_500, [5, 15, 39](#)
- location\_createID, [6](#)
- location\_getCensusBlock, [7](#)
- location\_getSingleAddress\_Photon, [8](#)
- location\_getSingleAddress\_TexasAM, [9](#)
- location\_getSingleElevation\_USGS, [10](#)
- location\_initialize, [11](#)
- LocationDataDir, [4, 5, 16, 17](#)
- mazama\_initialize, [14](#)
- MazamaLocationUtils, [13](#)
- or\_monitors\_500, [5, 15, 39](#)
- setAPIKey, [3, 4, 16](#)
- setLocationDataDir, [4, 6, 16, 29](#)
- table\_addColumn, [17, 30, 34](#)
- table\_addLocation, [18, 20, 32, 35](#)
- table\_addSingleLocation, [19, 19, 32, 35](#)
- table\_export, [21](#)
- table\_findOverlappingLocations, [22](#)
- table\_getLocationID, [23](#)
- table\_getNearestDistance, [24](#)
- table\_getNearestLocation, [25](#)
- table\_getRecordIndex, [26](#)
- table\_initialize, [27](#)
- table\_initializeExisting, [28](#)
- table\_load, [29](#)
- table\_removeColumn, [17, 30, 30, 34](#)
- table\_removeRecord, [19, 20, 31, 35](#)
- table\_save, [32](#)
- table\_updateColumn, [17, 33](#)
- table\_updateSingleRecord, [19, 20, 32, 35](#)
- validateLonLat, [36](#)
- validateLonsLats, [37](#)
- validateMazamaSpatialUtils, [37](#)
- wa\_airfire\_meta, [38](#)
- wa\_monitors\_500, [5, 15, 38](#)