🏛️ APS Divisional Structure (Region 10: Cascadia)

Division I: The Directorate (Administrative)

The Backbone.

- **Primary Function:** Infrastructure, Governance, & Logistics.
- **Motto:** *"Adherence to Mission."*
- **Responsibilities:**
  - **Infrastructure:** Maintaining the GitHub repository (index.html, deployment_protocol.txt) and the Google backend.
  - **Logistics:** Printing the *Field Researcher Instruments*, purchasing clipboards/tablets, managing the media assets.
  - **Governance:** Ensuring all research adheres to the "Methodological Agnosticism" and ethical standards (IRB compliance).
  - **Staffing:** Assigning Researcher IDs (e.g., FW-01) and training new recruits on the "Anti-Priming" protocols.

Key Personnel:

- **Executive Director:** Final decision-maker on publication and mission strategy.
- **Operations Manager:** Handles the "physical" side (printing, travel logistics).
- **Web Administrator:** Manages the HTML code, Google Scripts, and Data Log security.

Division II: The Registry (Centralized)

The Brain.

- **Primary Function:** Analysis, Coding, & Archival.

- **Motto:** *"Preservation of Experience."*
- **Responsibilities:**
  - **Ingestion:** Monitoring the Data Log for incoming "Status 1/2" (Web) and "Status 3" (Field) entries.
  - **Reconciliation:** Matching physical Clipboard Forms to digital timestamps.
  - **Coding:** Applying the *Coding Cheat Sheet* logic (Type A vs. Type B).
  - **Library:** Maintaining the Bibliography and cross-referencing modern reports with historical folklore.

Key Personnel:

- **The Registrar:** Head of the Archive.
- **Senior Analyst:** Codes the narratives.
- **Data Steward:** Cleans and anonymizes the Google Sheet.

Division III: Field Research (Mobile)

The Eyes & Hands.

- **Primary Function:** Acquisition & Engagement.
- **Motto:** *"Observation without Interference."*
- **Responsibilities:**
  - **Deployment:** Visiting liminal spaces, community hubs, or reported anomaly sites.
  - **Engagement:** Administering the *Experience Questionnaire* to subjects.
  - **Observation:** Filling out the *Data Collection Instrument* (Weather, Demeanor, Physics).
  - **Safety:** Executing the *Debriefing Protocol* to ground subjects.

Key Personnel:

- **Field Coordinator:** Assigns teams to specific geographic sectors.
- **Field Researcher:** The agent on the ground collecting data.

Note: In 'Solo-Operator' Divisions, one Researcher assumes the duties of the Directorate, Registry, and Field Research sequentially. See 'APS Franchise Protocol' for solo-workflow guidance.

🔄 The Operational Workflow (Solo-Operator Protocol)

1. Preparation (Directorate Mode)

- **Action:** The operator verifies the integrity of the **index.html** file and ensures the **APS_Cascadia_Log** is active.
- **Logistics:** The operator prints a batch of **Field Asset Stickers (QR Codes)** rather than preparing full clipboard kits, shifting the focus to passive recruitment.

2. Deployment (Field Research Mode)

- **Action:** The operator visits designated liminal spaces or high-traffic hubs within the Cascadia Bioregion.
- **Execution:** Instead of active interviews, the operator places "Field Asset Stickers" at key thresholds to allow subjects to self-report.
- **Data Ingestion:** "Status 1" (Web) entries accumulate in the Registry backend automatically throughout the week.

3. Triage & Archival (Registry Mode)

- **Timing:** The Registry operates on a strict **"Weekly Window"** (e.g., Friday, 17:00–19:00) to prevent analyst burnout.
- **Filtration:** The Analyst opens the Log and applies the **Jurisdiction Filter** (hiding non-Cascadia entries) and **Quality Filter** (hiding narratives <50 words).
- **Coding:** Valid narratives are assigned a **Record ID** (e.g., CAS-1042), coded against the **Master Data Dictionary** (e.g., "Type A: Liminality"), and archived.

4. Review (Directorate Mode)

- **Action:** The operator reviews the weekly volume.
- **Decision:** If volume exceeds processing capacity (>50 quality entries/week), the Directorate authorizes **Phase 4 (Expansion)** to recruit a volunteer Junior Analyst.