



First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

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Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center

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FFACCTs Highlights – Opening remarks by Steve McNulty, Eastern Threat Center Team Leader and Ecologist

Washington Office Updates (Research and Development)

Randy Johnson, National Leader, USDA Regional Climate Change Hubs

-The Forest Service is developing at least one flagship National Forest/Tribe partnership for each region. These partnerships will strive to integrate traditional knowledge with scientific information into actions that build ecological, social and economic resilience. A series of webinars are being set up to depict climate change impacts and adaptive capacity across tribal and public lands.

Southeast Climate Science Center (SECSC)

Jerry McMahon, Director

-All eight regional Climate Science Centers will release FY 2015 requests for proposals later this month. Proposals are invited for projects that support SE CSC science priorities, and will pursue interests across disciplines. Each CSC worked with states, tribes, federal agencies, LCCs, universities, and other regional partners to identify the highest priority management challenges in need of scientific input, and to solicit and select research projects. Several information sessions will be available, or you can contact Jerry directly at gcmahon@usgs.gov.

South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Update

Lori Barrow, Information Transfer Specialist/USDA Forest Service Liaison

-The South Atlantic LCC recently held their annual face-to-face Steering Committee meeting welcoming Rick Lint (Forest Supervisor, Sumter and Francis Marion National Forest) as the newly appointed USFS representative. The steering committee voiced support for version 1.0 of the blueprint and charged the staff with completing version 2.0 by the summer of 2015.

- Lori continues her work with the Southern Research Station, the NC Arboretum, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in chronicling climate change impacts on resources on ethnobotanicals of cultural significance.

Station Updates

Lindsey Rustad, Team Leader/Research Ecologist, Northern Research Station

-The Northern Research Station continues to focus emphasis on reaching out and identifying potential stakeholders for the Northeast Climate Hub.

Kier Klepzig, Assistant Director, Southern Research Station

The Forest Discovery Center at the Cradle of Forestry has a new, hands-on climate change display depicting potential impacts of future change throughout the southeast and what life is like for a typical SRS scientist.

National Forest System Updates

Leslie Brandt, Climate Change Specialist, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, Eastern Region

-A new climate change science and modeling educational module is now available through the [Climate Change Resource Center](#). The module gives a brief overview of the climate system, greenhouse gases, current climate change impacts,



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and future projections and can be used to satisfy the [Forest Service Climate Change Performance Scorecard](#) Element One requirement for all-employee education.

-“Michigan forest ecosystem vulnerability assessment and synthesis: a report from the Northwoods Climate Change Response Framework Project,” is now available.

Presentation

- “Can Forests Take the Heat? Managing Pests and Ecosystem Services in a Warming Climate” – **Steve Frank**, PhD, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

The next FFACCTs will take place May 2. See <http://www.forestthreats.org/news/upcoming-events> for details.

Please send comments, feedback, and presentation suggestions to Perdita Spriggs, Eastern Threat Center, (pspriggs@fs.fed.us) and visit the [FFACCTs webpage](#) for additional information.