



First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

Hosted by the USDA Forest Service

Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center

June 6, 2014—11:00 a.m. (ET)



FFACCTs Highlights – Opening remarks by Jennifer Moore Myers, Resource Information Specialist, Eastern Threat Center

Washington Office Updates (Research and Development)

Karen Dante, Climate Change Fellow, Climate Change Advisor's Office

- All [USDA Regional Climate Hub](#) websites will be up and running soon. The hubs are determining how to fit with other networks, including Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and Climate Science Centers.

Southeast Climate Science Center (SECSC)

Cari Furiness, North Carolina State University Research Associate

- The SECSC's FY15 [request for proposals](#) has been released. Statements of interest were due 6/20.
- The SECSC has rolled out and continues to populate the [Southeast Global Change Monitoring Portal](#).

Northeast Climate Science Center (NECSC)

Toni Morelli, Program Manager and NECSC Postdoctoral Fellow

- The NECSC's FY15 [request for proposals](#) has been released. Statements of interest were due 6/17.
- The NECSC has published its [2013 Annual Report](#).
- David Diamond (Missouri Resource Assessment Partnership and University of Missouri Columbia) will conduct a workshop entitled "Existing Ecological Systems in the Eastern US" at the Fish & Wildlife Service's Northeast Regional Office in Hadley, MA. Contact Toni (morelli@umass.edu) for more information.

South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Update

Lori Barrow, Information Transfer Specialist/USDA Forest Service Liaison

- The SALCC's Year 3 Operations Plan is now [available](#).
- The Landscapes Ecosystem Team has developed [recommendations for revisions](#) to the SALCC's Landscape Indicators. The Indicator revision team [will focus on beaches and dunes as well as maritime forests](#) during the month of June.

Station Updates

Lindsey Rustad, Team Leader (Center for Research on Ecosystem Change), Northern Research Station

- The Northeast Regional Climate Hub is reaching out to partners and stakeholders and entering into agreements with Land Grant Universities in all 13 northeastern states. The hub's website is under active construction.

Steve McNulty, Team Leader and Ecologist, Eastern Threat Center

- The Southern Group of State Foresters is working with the Southern Research Station and North Carolina State University to develop a series of equations to standardize calculations of ecosystem services in southeastern states. Results are expected to be published in summer 2015.



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Station Updates cont'd

- The Southeast Regional Climate Hub has held a series of [partnership calls](#).
- A Chinese forestry delegation visited Washington, DC, to discuss water availability issues and how tools such as the [Water Supply Stress Index](#) model and [ForWarn](#) could be translated into similar systems for China.
- The climate hubs are building on the [National Climate Assessment](#) process to develop protocols and assessments of tools that can be used across US regions to address climate change impacts.

National Forest System Updates

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

- A [new webpage](#) shows climate change adaptation demonstration project locations and progress. New partners are being sought to develop additional demonstration projects.
- The Climate Change Response Framework is [featured in the National Climate Assessment](#).
- Several national forests are doing adaptation demonstration projects and are working with the [National Phenology Network](#) to develop new phenology monitoring.

David Meriwether, Ecosystems Management Coordinator, Southern Region

- The vacancy announcement for the regional Planning Director position recently closed and will be permanently filled soon.

Presentation

- “Characterizing Carbon Stocks in Mangroves of the Zambezi River Delta” — **Carl Trettin**, PhD, Forest Service Southern Research Station Center for Forested Wetlands Team Leader, Cordesville, SC

Round Robin

- Michele Schoeneberger (USDA National Agroforestry Center): A National Climate Assessment [workshop on agroforestry and climate change adaptation](#) was recently held in Nebraska City. A publication is expected in April 2015.

The next FFACCTs will take place August 1. 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.