



## First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

Hosted by the USDA Forest Service

Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center

September 7, 2012—11:00 a.m. (ET)



### FFACCTs Highlights – Opening remarks by Tom Schmidt, Assistant Station Director, Northern Research Station

#### Washington Office Updates (Research and Development)

##### **Randy Johnson, National Program Leader, Genetics and Global Change Research**

- Year 2 of the Performance Scorecard for Implementing the Forest Service Climate Change Strategy begins in October. Current year Scorecard results were due 9/12.
- The climate change field team will meet next month in Fort Collins, CO.
- The North American Carbon Program All-Investigators meeting will be held February 4-7, 2013. For more information about poster abstract submissions, see [www.nacarbon.org/meeting\\_2013/index.htm](http://www.nacarbon.org/meeting_2013/index.htm).
- A chartered group is developing Forest Service policy on assisted migration as a climate change adaptation option. Contact Randy ([randyjohnson@fs.fed.us](mailto:randyjohnson@fs.fed.us)) for more information about participating in this effort.
- Several regional vulnerability assessments are available. See the Climate Change Resource Center: [www.fs.fed.us.ccrcc](http://www.fs.fed.us.ccrcc).
- A recently signed Memorandum of Understanding with the National Forest Foundation has new clauses/policy clarification regarding Forest Service participation in carbon offset registration. Contact Chris Farley ([cfarley@fs.fed.us](mailto:cfarley@fs.fed.us)) for more information.

#### South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Updates

##### **Rua Mordecai, Science Coordinator**

- The South Atlantic LCC is identifying natural resource indicators and targets for a synthesis of natural resource plans.
- A recent meeting involving the LCC and southeastern State Historic Preservation offices addressed how to include historic resources in landscape planning.
- Visit [www.southatlanticlcc.org/](http://www.southatlanticlcc.org/) for more information about these and other projects.

#### Station Updates

##### **Tom Schmidt, Assistant Station Director, Northern Research Station**

- Tom recently served on a Station Supervisory Review team of the Eastern Threat Center. The review team is preparing a report to help guide the Center's research progress, relevance, future direction, and operations. Send ideas, opinions, information needs, etc. to Tom ([tschmidt@fs.fed.us](mailto:tschmidt@fs.fed.us)), Kier Klepzig ([kklepzig@fs.fed.us](mailto:kklepzig@fs.fed.us)), or Danny Lee ([dcleee@fs.fed.us](mailto:dcleee@fs.fed.us)).
- The Northern Research Station is beginning a "mixed wood" effort to build resiliency in hardwood-conifer stands.

##### **Emrys Treasure, Biological Scientist, EFETAC**

- The Template for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Management Options (TACCIMO) is being used to support National Forest plan revisions for early adopters moving forward with the assessment phase, including El Yunque, Francis Marion, and Southern Sierra National Forests.
- A brochure about forest management in North Carolina based on TACCIMO content is now available from the NC Forest Service ([www.ncforestservice.gov](http://www.ncforestservice.gov)). Similar products will be developed to meet National Forest plan revision needs.
- Information from plan revision processes will be incorporated into TACCIMO. Partnerships are forming, and feedback and recommendations are welcome. Contact Emrys Treasure ([etresure@fs.fed.us](mailto:etresure@fs.fed.us)).

#### National Forest System Updates

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

- Scorecard responses and highlights are being reviewed. Much progress has been made this year.
- Workshops on developing vulnerability assessments for northern Michigan are being held.



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### **Presentation**

- "Climate Change and the 2012 Planning Rule" – Anthony Erba, Director of Planning, Appeals, Litigation, and Landscape-Scale Conservation for the Forest Service Eastern Region in Milwaukee, WI ([presentation archived](#))

***\*\*\*The next FFACCTs will be held October 5. Please send comments, feedback, and presentation suggestions to Perdita Spriggs, EFETAC, ([pspriggs@fs.fed.us](mailto:pspriggs@fs.fed.us)) and visit the [FFACCTs webpage](#) for additional information.***