



# First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

Hosted by the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center  
April 6, 2012—11:00 a.m. (ET)



## FFACCTs Highlights – Opening remarks by Kier Klepzig, Assistant Director, Southern Research Station

### WO Updates

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

- The FS Chief has been briefed on the forest sector reports from the National Climate Assessment. The discussion included how the NCA could be used with the Resources Planning Act Assessment and the National Report on Sustainable Forests.
- Contact Randy ([randyjohnson@fs.fed.us](mailto:randyjohnson@fs.fed.us)) if interested in reviewing the NCA forest sector chapter (390 pages).

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

#### **Ginger Deason, Information Transfer Specialist, Forest Service Liaison**

- The South Atlantic LCC science assessment is available for review and comment at <http://www.southatlanticlcc.org/page/science-assessment>.
- Rua Mordecai, South Atlantic LCC science coordinator, will attend the South Atlantic instream flow meeting in Savannah, GA. Meeting information will be posted on the South Atlantic LCC website.
- The national LCC workshop in Denver focused on coordinating work among agencies and partners to avoid duplication of efforts. Contact Ginger ([ginger@southatlanticlcc.org](mailto:ginger@southatlanticlcc.org)) with comments and suggestions.

### Station Updates

#### **Kier Klepzig, Assistant Director, Southern Research Station**

- Richard Haynes is serving as EFETAC's acting co-director while Danny Lee continues work on the National Wildfire Management Cohesive Strategy.
- SRS is addressing weather-driven events (drought) in Texas to leverage FS resources that can help inform management decisions.

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

- Monica Tomosy (FS liaison to USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center) is contacting LCC regional leaders following the national LCC workshop.
- The Northeast Climate Science Center (CSC) pushed 50 proposals in a short amount of time with limited funding, indicating great interest in CSC capabilities.
- There is great interest internationally in U.S. info and resources for successful climate change management. Rich Birdsey's (NRS Climate, Fire, and Carbon Cycle Sciences) carbon accounting work in Mexico is one example.
- Effective communication between Stations is essential to ensure research and projects can be applied across regions.
- NRS is partnering with EPA in Region 9 to examine water quality and climate change resilience in the Great Lakes. A paper on land treatment effects on water quality will provide applicable on-the-ground science.

### National Forest System Updates

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

- The White Mountain National Forest and Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest are updating this year's monitoring report with climate change information related to snow cover.
- The Monongahela National Forest kicked off the Southern Appalachian Climate Change Response Framework.
- The Chippewa National Forest completed a climate change research charter and is working on action plans to increase Scorecard responses.
- The NIACS advanced climate change course took place 4/2-6 in Madison, WI.
- NIACS and The Nature Conservancy co-hosted the Northwoods climate change workshop. FS, university, state, tribal, and other attendees focused on collaboration and information sharing.

### Presentation

- "Integrating Climate Change Considerations into New and Existing Programs and Initiatives" – Dr. David Cleaves, Climate Change Advisor, USDA Forest Service, Washington, DC



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### **Round Robin**

- Monica Tomosy (FS liaison to USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center) held a call on 4/18 to discuss the highlights of the national LCC workshops.
- Chuck Sams (Eastern and Southern Regional Air Quality Program Manager): FS energy efficiency measures that help prevent the construction of a new coal fired power plant are comparable to increasing National Forest carbon sequestration by 1.5%.
- Rick Hokans (Region 9 Analyst/Economist): Regional planners and inventory and monitoring coordinators will meet in Fort Collins, CO, 4/30-5/4 to discuss Scorecard and information needs. Contact Dave Meriwether ([dmeriwether@fs.fed.us](mailto:dmeriwether@fs.fed.us)) for more info.
- Chris Farley (WO National Climate Change Specialist): More guidance on how carbon offsets will work on harvesting projects will be available soon.

***\*\*\*The next FFACCTs will be held May 4. Please send comments, feedback, and presentation suggestions to Perdita Spriggs, EFETAC, ([pspriggs@fs.fed.us](mailto:pspriggs@fs.fed.us)) and visit [http: http://www.forestthreats.org/news-events/upcoming-events](http://www.forestthreats.org/news-events/upcoming-events) for additional information.***