



First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

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



FFACCTs Highlights – Opening remarks by Steve McNulty, Ecologist and Team Lead, EFETAC

- The audience and scope of FFACCTs are expanding to engage participants internal and external to the Forest Service.

WO Updates

Randy Johnson, National Program Leader, R&D Forest Management Science

- National Climate Assessments reports are due in March.
- The President's budget shows a decrease in climate change funding compared to 2011. The research may need to be repackaged.
- Amy Daniels' general technical report on downscaled data will be available soon.
- The US Global Change Research program is reforming interagency working groups.
- A recent FS Research Executive Team proposal provides an opportunity to combine genetics expertise from Research and Development and the National Forest System. Contact Randy Johnson (randyjohnson@fs.fed.us) for more info.

South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Updates

Kat Mordecai, Information Transfer Specialist

- The South Atlantic LCC website provides updates on current projects including those addressing instream flow management, landscape genetics, and optimal conservation strategies. Visit <http://www.southatlanticlcc.org>.

Station Updates

Tom Schmidt, Assistant Director, Northern Research Station

- The Northeast Climate Science Center has been announced: <http://www.doi.gov/csc/northeast/index.cfm>. Rachel Muir (USGS) is the acting Director.
- Rich Birdsey, project leader for Climate, Fire, and Carbon Cycle Sciences, will serve a 4-month detail with FS International Programs. Dave Hollinger will be acting for Rich.

Kier Klepzig, Assistant Director, Southern Research Station

- Based on the President's budget, SRS support levels for climate change research are yet to be determined.
- The Sustainable Operations Western Collective delivered a presentation to SRS addressing Element 10 (Sustainable Operations) of the Climate Change Scorecard. The Western Collective offers access to resources and peer learning opportunities.
- Check out *CompassLive*, SRS's new science log: <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/>.

National Forest System Updates

Pam Dryer, Assistant Director, Planning, Appeals, and Litigation, Eastern Region

- The Eastern Region continues its support of NRS Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science cooperative projects, including Climate Change Response Framework and Wisconsin Shared Landscape Initiative.

David Meriwether, Ecosystems Management Coordinator, Southern Region

- Based on a Scorecard evaluation, the Southern Region is implementing actions from its Climate Change Action Plan.
- A newly formed regional science committee will focus on applied science and tangible, meaningful actions.

Presentation

- "Linking ecosystem, landscape, wildlife, and climate models to predict changes to central hardwood landscapes and wildlife" – Frank Thompson, Research Wildlife Biologist, Northern Research Station, Columbia, MO

Round Robin

- Lisa Jennings (EFETAC) – The Template for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Management Options (TACCIMO) now features 500 management options. See <http://www.forestthreats.org/taccimotool>.



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******The next FFACCTs will be held February 3. Please send comments, feedback, and presentation suggestions to Perdita Spriggs, EFETAC, (pspriggs@fs.fed.us) and visit <http://www.forestthreats.org/news-events/upcoming-events> for additional information.***