



First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

Hosted by the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center
March 2, 2012—11:00 a.m. (ET)



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

WO Updates

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

- The US Global Change Research Program Strategic Plan is available: www.globalchange.gov/what-we-do/strategic-planning.
- A Forest Service water strategy has been approved in draft form. Contact Katherine Smith (klsmith@fs.fed.us) for more information.

South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Updates

Ginger Deason, Information Transfer Specialist, Forest Service Liaison

- Project information, including the development of a conservation planning atlas and the Optimal Conservation Strategy, are available on the South Atlantic LCC website: www.southatlanticlcc.org.
- A brown bag lunch for climate and landscape researchers in the NC Triangle area took place March 8. More info about brown bag events is available on the South Atlantic LCC website.
- Become a member of the South Atlantic LCC website to receive updates, including a monthly newsletter. Sign up here: www.southatlanticlcc.org/main/authorization/signUp.

Rua Mordecai, Science Coordinator

- A science assessment of planning model information and perceived gaps will be available for review soon.

Station Updates

Kier Klepzig, Assistant Director, Southern Research Station

- The SRS Global Change Research Strategy is now available: www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/40125.
- The Eastern Forest and Western Wildland Environmental Threat Assessment Centers and partners recently rolled out ForWarn. More information is available at www.forwarn.forestthreats.org.
- Steve McNulty (EFETAC) will attend the LCC National Workshop in Denver this month.
- Kier, Zoe Hoyle (media officer), and others at SRS have been working with a reporter on an article about fire risk and hemlock woolly adelgid impacts that may appear in the Asheville Citizen-Times newspaper.

Tom Schmidt, Assistant Director, Northern Research Station

- Tom participated in a conference call with Rachel Muir (Northeast Climate Science Center). A key question was how NRS should integrate with LCC's and CSC's in the North.
- The NRS is working with Hawaii and the Pacific Islands to bring lessons learned with regard to climate change impacts to the North.
- Though budgets are tight, an incredible amount of climate change work is being done. Stay inspired.

National Forest System Updates

David Meriwether, Ecosystems Management Coordinator, Southern Region

- The Southern Region's regional science committee is moving forward. With support from NRS, SRS, and Region 5, upcoming meetings will address historic range of variation and wildlife effects.
- The Southern Region is working through climate change coordinators to develop information and support for field units.

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

- Climate Change Response Framework projects are moving forward. A new website is now available: www.climateframework.org.
- Registration is closed for the advanced climate change course (4/2-6 in Madison, WI). Contact Maria Janowiak (mjanowiak02@fs.fed.us) if you missed the registration period but would like to participate.

Presentation

- "Looking Back to Inform the Future: Climate Change Adaptation Lessons from Long-Term Silviculture Studies on Experimental Forests" – Brian Palik, Research Ecologist and Team Leader, Northern Research Station, Grand Rapids, MN



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******The next FFACCTs will be held April 6. 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.***