



## First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

*Hosted by the USDA Forest Service*

*Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center*

*May 2, 2014—11:00 a.m. (ET)*



### **FFACCTs Highlights – Opening remarks by Danny C. Lee, Eastern Threat Center Director**

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

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

- The [USDA Regional Climate Hubs](#) are coordinating and assembling information for hub websites.
- The [National Climate Assessment](#) was released in May. Forest Service scientists led the forestry chapter.

#### **Southeast Climate Science Center (SECSC)**

**Jerry McMahon, Director**

- The SECSC's FY15 [request for proposals](#) has been released.

#### **South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Update**

**Lori Barrow, Information Transfer Specialist/USDA Forest Service Liaison**

- The SALCC is revising [indicators](#) for the [South Atlantic Conservation Blueprint](#). To get involved, join an [ecosystem-specific team](#).
- Lori and SALCC Science Coordinator Rua Mordecai presented "Guiding your cooperative: what to expect over the next 12-18 months" during the [monthly web forum](#) on 5/15.

#### **Station Updates**

**Danny Lee, Director, Eastern Threat Center**

- The [National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#) was released on 4/9. The Cohesive Strategy's analysis is relevant and useful to the issue of climate change as wildland fire and climate change share many parallel challenges.

**Steve McNulty, Team Leader and Ecologist, Eastern Threat Center**

- More than 200 participants attended the [Carolinas Climate Resilience Conference](#) in Charlotte, NC. Few resource managers attended, so sharing information and connections from meetings like this with managers is essential.

**Dave Hollinger, Project Leader (Climate, Fire, and Carbon Cycle Sciences), Northern Research Station (NRS)**

- Northeast Climate Science Center Director Mary Ratnaswamy recently toured NRS facilities in the upper Midwest and discussed opportunities for collaboration.
- On Earth Day, the Northeast Regional Climate Hub (NERCH) hosted a climate roundtable with Senator Shaheen along with governmental, academic, and non-governmental representatives.
- Bill Hohenstein, Director of the USDA Climate Change Program Office, will visit the NERCH during May. Dave and NRS research ecologist Chris Swanston are organizing a listening session and workshop to be held during his visit.



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### **National Forest System Updates**

#### **Doug Chaltry, Regional Planner, Eastern Region**

- The Michigan ecosystem vulnerability assessment is [now available](#).

#### **David Meriwether, Ecosystems Management Coordinator, Southern Region**

- The Forest Service recently co-hosted the *To Bridge a Gap* conference, an annual event involving tribal partners. Discussions focused on technology transfer and collaboration to address challenges, including climate change.

- The Southern Region continues to build climate change considerations into planning and monitoring efforts with the implementation of the 2012 Planning Rule.

### **Presentation**

- "Tribes, Forests, and Climate Change"— **Marla Emery**, Northern Research Station research geographer and national coordinator for the Research and Development tribes and climate change research program, Burlington, VT

The next FFACCTs will take place June 6. See <http://www.forestthreats.org/news/upcoming-events> for details.

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