

First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)



Hosted by the USDA Forest Service
Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center
November 1, 2013—11:00 a.m. (ET)

Opening Remarks: Kier Klepzig, Assistant Director, Southern Research Station

Washington Office Updates (Research and Development)

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

- USDA climate change hub locations (in seven regions plus the Caribbean) will be announced in December. Leaders of potential hubs have received letters acknowledging proposals and requesting changes.
- Reports detailing changes in carbon over time as well as future projections are now available for Forest Service Regions.

Southeast Climate Science Center (SECSC)

Gerard McMahon, Director

- Chelcy Miniat (SRS), Lori Barrow (SALCC), and representatives from the SECSC and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals led a climate change adaptation planning workshop at the United South and Eastern Tribes' annual meeting, which provided a strong foundation for building future relationships.

South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Update

Lori Barrow, Information Transfer Specialist/USDA Forest Service Liaison

- Two <u>Conservation Blueprint design workshops</u> were held in Raleigh, NC, in October. About 50 attendees representing a range of stakeholders were present each day. Workshops will also be held in Savannah, GA, in November.

Station Updates

Kier Klepzig, Assistant Director, Southern Research Station (SRS)

- The <u>Template for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Management Options</u> (TACCIMO) has received the SRS Director's Award for Science Delivery.

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

- The NRS Leadership Team reviewed NRS climate change research during a November meeting. Dave is currently soliciting input from NRS scientists.
- A special issue of Carbon Management highlights sustainable landscapes in the tropics and features papers by NRS researchers.
- The President issued an Executive Order to prepare the United States for climate change impacts.

National Forest System Updates

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

- The Eastern Region is developing a partnership with the <u>USA National Phenology Network</u> (USA NPN) in order to better use the USA NPN on National Forest lands. A pilot program will involve one or two Eastern Region units.
- A document describing how climate change considerations can be incorporated in planning efforts is in development. It focuses on the Eastern Region, but contains examples from across the United States.
- A new urban Climate Change Response Framework project has begun in the Chicago area. Contact Leslie (lbrandt@fs.fed.us) to get involved.
- More <u>Forest Adaptation Planning and Practices</u> workshops will be offered soon, including a workshop in Missouri, February 4-5, 2014.



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- "Potential Effects of Climate Change on Future Distributions of Endangered Indiana Bat Maternity Colonies" – **Susan Loeb**, PhD, Forest Service Southern Research Station Research Ecologist, Clemson, SC

***The next FFACCTs will take place December 6. Please send comments, feedback, and presentation suggestions to Perdita Spriggs, Eastern Threat Center, (pspriggs@fs.fed.us) and visit the FFACCTs webpage for additional information.