



First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

Hosted by the USDA Forest Service

Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center

September 5, 2014—11:00 a.m. (ET)



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

Washington Office (Research and Development) Update

Karen Dante, Climate Change Fellow, Climate Change Advisor's Office (CCAO)

- The CCAO led the development of nine [regional carbon assessment reports](#). Karen is the point of contact for the datasets.
- In response to an executive order calling on Federal agencies to help the nation adapt to changing climate, the Climate and Natural Resources Working Group will soon release the *Priority Agenda for Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources*. Contact Karen (skdante@fs.fed.us) for more information.

Southeast Climate Science Center (SECSC) Update

Jerry McMahon, SECSC Director

- Jerry shared information about the SECSC and learned about the vision for the Southeast Regional Caribbean Climate Sub-Hub during a recent meeting in Puerto Rico.

Northeast Climate Science Center (NECSC) Update

Toni Lyn Morelli, Program Manager and NECSC Postdoctoral Fellow

- The College of Menominee Nation, a NECSC Consortium Member, will host the [Shifting Seasons Summit](#) October 15-17 in Keshena, WI. Registration is due 9/15.

Station Updates

Sarah Wiener, Southeast Regional Climate Hub (SERCH) Coordinator, Southern Research Station

- The SERCH is [conducting a survey of tools for land managers](#) in the Southeast. Discussions will take place soon with hub partners from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Agricultural Research Service.
- Steve McNulty, Eastern Threat Center research ecologist/team leader and SERCH Director, met with extension professionals and learned about research needs during the recent [Southern Region Extension Climate Academy conference](#).

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

- Researchers are currently testing the ability to warm peat for the [Spruce and Peatland Responses Under Climatic and Environmental Change \(SPRUCE\) experiment](#). Chambers will be built soon to allow gradients of warming and CO₂ treatments.
- Northern Research Station scientists Erik Lilleskov and Evan Kane are studying the impacts of water table and community composition changes as part of the [PEATcosm experiment](#).
- The Northern Regional Climate Hub website will go live in September. The Midwest Climate Sub-Hub's (Houghton, MI) title may change to reflect the emphasis on northern forests.

National Forest System Updates

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

- [Performance Scorecard](#) entries have been completed and show progress, especially in adaptation actions and monitoring.
- [Forest Adaptation Planning and Practices training](#) will be held in [Amherst, MA](#), September 23-24, and in [Brunswick, ME](#), December 8-10. Contact Maria Janowiak (mjanowiak02@fs.fed.us) for more information.
- NIACS is co-organizing the [Morton Arboretum](#) Urban Tree Conference, to be held November 18-19.

David Meriwether, Ecosystems Management Coordinator, Southern Region

- Performance Scorecard reporting is being completed and the Southern Region is preparing for the final year of Scorecard reporting (2015).
- As climate change is integrated into forest planning efforts, the Southern Region is building on the support provided by the Southern Research Station.
- The Southern Region is pursuing strategies to address monitoring needs to meet Planning Rule transition requirements.



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- "[The Climate Change Resource Center](#): The Web's Largest Forest Adaptation Resource" — **Chris Swanston**, Northern Research Station Research Ecologist and Director of the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science

The next FFACCTs will take place October 3. See <http://www.forestthreats.org/news/upcoming-events/ffaccts> for details.

Please send comments, feedback, and presentation suggestions to Stephanie Worley Firley, Eastern Threat Center, (sworleyfirley@fs.fed.us) and visit the [FFACCTs webpage](#) for additional information.