



# First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

Hosted by the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center  
August 3, 2012—11:00 a.m. (ET)



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

### Washington Office Updates (Research and Development)

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

- Realignment/reorganization processes at the Washington Office are expected to be completed by the beginning of the next fiscal year.
- The Forest Service Inventory, Monitoring and Assessment group is determining the agency's key management questions. Contact Randy ([randyjohnson@fs.fed.us](mailto:randyjohnson@fs.fed.us)) with ideas for key management questions, needs for corporate data, etc.
- Climate Change Scorecard results are due September 7. The Climate Change Advisor's office continues to develop the Scorecard.
- The Interagency Land Management Adaptation group is discussing review of vulnerability assessments for best management practices.
- Capability mapping for climate change, fire, etc. is ongoing. Discussion includes using the Research Information Tracking System (RITS) to show individuals' contributions.
- The National Climate Assessment will be available soon as a General Technical Report from the Pacific Northwest Research Station.
- The Carbon Cycle Interagency Working Group is developing focus areas and regional assessments. Contact Randy to provide input.
- The National Forest Foundation is deciding the next iteration of the Carbon Capitol Fund. Contact Chris Farley ([cfarley@fs.fed.us](mailto:cfarley@fs.fed.us)) for more information.

### South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Updates

#### **Ginger Deason, Information Transfer Specialist/ Forest Service Liaison**

- Visit <http://www.southatlanticlcc.org> for information about: 1) six funded projects for 2012; 2) efforts to synthesize natural resource indicators and targets (to be discussed during a web forum on September 20); and 3) a web forum on August 16 at 10:00 ET addressing spatial data.
- Amy Keister (SALCC GIS coordinator) is developing interim data products for partners. GIS layers will be online soon.

### Station Updates

#### **Chris Swanston, Research Ecologist/Director of the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, Northern Research Station**

- Climate Change Response Framework updates—In Minnesota, a vulnerability assessment expert panel assessed modeling results and climate projections and provided information about the contemporary landscape in terms of future climate vulnerability. | A Shared Landscapes Initiative Adaptation Demonstration project involves the Bad River Tribe, Nature Conservancy, and Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. | A new project is being launched in Ohio and West Virginia and expanding into Maryland. | Patricia Butler is engaging in a pilot project with the American Forest Foundation. | Visit <http://climateframework.org/> for more information.

#### **Steve McNulty, Ecologist and Team Lead, EFETAC**

- A state line meeting next week will involve state forestry agencies and cooperators in Texas and Oklahoma to address issues and information needs resulting from recent drought and fires.
- The southeastern assessment (part of the National Climate Assessment) will be published as a book in early 2013.
- EFETAC staff members are developing brochures for State Foresters based on content derived from the Template for Assessing Climate Change Impacts and Management Options (TACCIMO).

### National Forest System Updates

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

- Region 8 (Southern Region) staff members are focused on forest planning and monitoring needs related to the new Planning Rule and implementation.
- Forest plan revision work is underway for the Francis-Marion National Forest. The El Yunque National Forest (Puerto Rico) is progressing with plan revision with support from partners in FS R&D and the International Institute of Tropical Forestry.
- Hydrology will be the topic for this month's regional science committee meeting. Regional science committee work will be condensed into primers for southern forests.



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

- Information from the Climate Change Response Framework vulnerability assessment expert panel will be presented as a poster at the Ecological Society of America meeting.
- A recent climate change coordinators' conference call addressed carbon assessments and National Forest updates and outreach activities.
- Region 9 (Eastern Region) staff members are working on Scorecard responses.

### **Presentation**

"Water Supply Stress Index (WaSSI) Model" – Peter Caldwell, Research Hydrologist, Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center, Raleigh, NC ([presentation archived](#))

### **Round Robin**

- Steve McNulty (EFETAC) – Discussions are ongoing about addressing Climate Change Scorecard elements during FFACCTs.

***\*\*\*The next FFACCTs will be held September 7. Please send comments, feedback, and presentation suggestions to Perdita Spriggs, EFETAC, ([pspriggs@fs.fed.us](mailto:pspriggs@fs.fed.us)) and visit the [FFACCTs webpage](#) for additional information.***