DNR Climate Change Adaptation Workshop

Save the Date!

September 22-23, 2015
Cloquet Forestry Center

An active, hands-on training to help DNR natural resource managers incorporate climate change considerations into their own real-world projects.

Details:

Cost: $75.00 (includes lunches and snacks, not lodging)

Registration: http://z.umn.edu/SFECevents

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Lodging: Available at CFC for $40/night. Contact Stephanie Oberg (218-726-6401 or oberg086@umn.edu)

Who should participate?

This workshop is for DNR staff (from any division) who are responsible for managing forest resources.

This workshop requires participants to bring their own real-world projects. Example projects could include:

- Revising a management plan for a State Forest, Park, Wildlife Management Area, or Natural Area
- Stand exam projects, particularly for sites tagged for site visits with multiple divisions
- Preparing a timber sale for a single stand or multiple stands
- Adaptive Forest Management (AFM) projects
- Specific actions within a Subsection Forest Resource Management Plan (SFRMP)

We encourage small teams of 2-5 people to work together on projects in the workshop. Individuals working on their own are also welcome to participate.

What will I get out of it?

Through this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe regional and local effects of climate change on Minnesota’s forests
- Understand adaptation concepts in the context of forestry and land management
- Use Forest Adaptation Resources in real-world management projects to:
  - Identify climate change risks and opportunities
  - Develop actions to help forests adapt to changing conditions
- Access post-training support from NIACS
- Receive Continuing Forestry Education credits

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Workshop Description

Resources and Curriculum

This workshop has been developed as part of the Climate Change Response Framework, a collaborative cross-boundary approach to incorporate climate change into natural resources management. Specifically, participants are provided with training on climate change and its effects on forest ecosystems. The course uses the Forest Adaptation Resources (www.forestadaptation.org/far) to consider how climate change may affect a real-world forest management project, identify challenges and opportunities for management under a changing climate, and develop actions to reduce risk and increase the ability of forests to cope with change.

This workshop takes advantage of both distance and in-person learning opportunities to maximize efficiency for professional education. Prior to the in-person component, participants will be provided with materials related to regional climate change effects on forests, and instructions and assistance in selecting a forestry project that will be used during the training. Pre-workshop preparation takes approximately 4 hours to complete, and is followed by a two-day workshop. Follow-up and assistance is available to help managers implement forestry projects after the workshop.

We require participants to select a real-life forest management project relevant to their job and location to use during the workshop. Following the workshop, the manager can decide to implement the adaptation actions that were identified to serve as examples for other managers.

Additional details on forest adaptation efforts that have used Forest Adaptation Resources are online at: www.forestadaptation.org/demonstration-projects

More Information

Find out more about the Climate Change Response Framework and this training at www.forestadaptation.org/fapp

Questions?
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