**4th National Climate Assessment**

**Northwest Regional Engagement Workshop**

**Thursday, March 23 (Boise, ID)**

**Objective:** To gather input from a diverse array of stakeholders throughout the Northwest to inform the Northwest (and related) chapters of NCA4, and to make the stakeholder community aware of the process and timeline for the development of NCA4.

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| 8:30 | **Registration opens** | | |
| 9:00 | **Introduction to workshop goals and brief introductions**  *David Reidmiller – Director, National Climate Assessment, U.S. Global Change Research Program* | | |
| 9:15 | **What is the National Climate Assessment?**   * Mandate, timeline, structure, etc. of NCA4 * Main findings from Northwest chapter of NCA3, focused on risk framing * Areas of desired emphasis from public comments * Ways to stay involved * Q&A   *David Reidmiller – Director, National Climate Assessment, U.S. Global Change Research Program* | | |
| 9:45 | **Preliminary Author Thoughts on Northwest Chapter**   * Introduce chapter team of authors (photos for those not present) (*Charles Luce – USDA-USFS and Coordinating Lead Author of NCA4 Northwest chapter)* * Present notional chapter outline, sub-regional focus, & draft findings for Inland NW (*Gabrielle Roesch-McNally* – inland NW; *Jen Cuhacayin* – mountains) | | |
| 10:15 | **BREAK** | | |
| 10:30 | **Stakeholder Perspectives**  Open discussion for questions on process or content; suggestions on additional areas to address (or avoid); suggestions of resources to use or case studies to highlight; etc.  Potential guiding questions:   * What are the key attributes, assets and things of greatest value to the Northwest? * And how are those things vulnerable to or at risk from climate change? * Are there resources (reports, studies, etc.) or case studies we should be aware of? * How have you used NCA3 in your own decision making and how can NCA4 be useful? to you? | | |
| 11:00 | **Charge for Break-out Groups**  *David Reidmiller – Director, National Climate Assessment, U.S. Global Change Research Program*  Breakout sessions A and B will cover these topics for 40 minutes each. Participants may select any breakout group, and either stay during both sessions, or rotate to a different breakout group.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **TOPIC** | **FACILITATORS & NOTETAKERS** | | 1. Water Resources | Jennifer Cuhaciyan (DOI-USBR) | | 1. Agriculture & Rural Issues | Gabrielle Roesch-McNally (USFS) & David Reidmiller (USGCRP) | | 1. Forests & Natural Resources | Charlie Luce (USDA-USFS) & Susan Aragon-Long (USGCRP) | | 1. Human Dimensions | Scott Lowe (Boise St Univ) | | 1. Additional ideas | Michael Chang & Chris Avery |  * Introduce yourself (affiliation, area of expertise) and any role in previous NCAs * For the given topic: * Are there new insights about observed changes that should be highlighted?   + Which projected changes are important for this topic in the next 20-30 years and at the end of the century (i.e., projected change)?   + What challenges, opportunities and success stories for addressing risk can be highlighted?   + What are the emerging issues and/or research gaps on this topic?   + Other issues / specific case studies to highlight? | | |
| 11:15 | **Break-out Session A** |  |
| 12:00 | **WORKING LUNCH**  **Participants self-serve lunch** |
| 12:15 | **Break-out Session B** |
| ***1:00*** | ***BREAK & Setup for Read-out*** | | |
| 1:15 | **Water Resources Read-out** | | |
| 1:35 | **Agriculture & Rural Issues Read-out** | | |
| 2:55 | **Forests & Natural Resources Read-out** | | |
| 2:15 | **Additional Ideas Read-out** | | |
| 2:35 | **Wrap-up & Next Steps** | | |
| 3:00 | **ADJOURN** | | |