



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP



PURPOSE:

Wildlife managers face the growing challenge of helping wildlife populations and habitats respond to climate change. This active, hands-on workshop will help participants consider climate change and develop custom-built adaptation actions into their own real-world projects.

OUTCOMES:

Through this workshop, participants will be able to:

- **Describe regional and local effects** of climate change on wildlife in Nebraska and the region.
- **Understand climate adaptation concepts** in the context of terrestrial wildlife management.
- **Develop custom-built actions** to enhance the ability of wildlife to adapt to changing conditions.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:

This workshop is for professional wildlife managers, including staff members from NGO conservation organizations and employees of federal, state, tribal, and county agencies.

We ask participants to bring their own real-world projects to consider at this workshop. Example projects include:

- A habitat management plan for a state Wildlife Management Area
- A population plan for a sensitive or harvested species
- A landscape-scale wildlife management plan among several agencies

We encourage small teams of 2-5 people to work together at the workshop, but individuals working on their own are also welcome.

WHEN & WHERE?

June 11-12, 2019
Hardin Hall, Room 162
University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus
3310 Holdrege St., Lincoln, NE

QUESTIONS?

Contact Stephen Handler (sdhandler@fs.fed.us) and Rick Schneider (rick.schneider@nebraska.gov)

COST & REGISTRATION

Workshop cost: Free! (includes lunch and refreshments, not lodging)

Please register by May 16:
forms.gle/SeE2jaqyfp2QTL38

Registration will be capped at 35 participants.



Organized by NIACS, USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub, USGS Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Workshop costs provided by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



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DRAFT AGENDA:

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- 9:00 *Registration & Coffee*
- 9:30 *Welcome & Introduction to the Workbook*
- 10:00 *Workbook Step 1 – Introduce people and projects*
- 10:30 *Workbook Step 2 – Assess climate change impacts*
- 12:00 *LUNCH (provided)*
- 12:45 *Workbook Step 2 – continued*
- 1:15 *Workbook Step 3 – Feasibility of mgmt. objectives*
- 3:00 *Workbook Step 4 – Identify adaptation actions*
- 5:00 *Adjourn for the day*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 8:30 *Day 1 Recap*
- 9:00 *Workbook Step 4 – continued*
- 11:00 *Workbook Step 5 – Monitoring effectiveness*
- 12:00 *LUNCH (provided)*
- 12:30 *Wildlife Adaptation Menu feedback and discussion*
- 2:00 *Adjourn and travel home!*

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT

Want get the most out of this workshop? We're looking for 8-10 participants to bring your own real-world projects to use as examples during this workshop. You'll lead a small group, and when the dust settles you'll have a custom-built adaptation plan that's ready to execute! Contact Stephen Handler for more information (sdhandler@fs.fed.us).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS) is expanding on the published adaptation toolkit for forest managers - *Forest Adaptation Resources and the Adaptation Workbook*, to develop a new resource focused on terrestrial wildlife management.

This new effort will produce a “menu” of climate adaptation strategies and approaches for use in a structured decision-making framework. Managers will be able to use the new wildlife adaptation menu to develop customized actions for implementation, to communicate the rationale for their actions, and to define their view of success in the context of climate change adaptation.

Throughout this workshop, participants will actively use the new menu of strategies and approaches. Your feedback will shape the continued development and improvement of the tool. We need your help!

MORE INFORMATION

Find more information on the structured decision-making process - the Adaptation Workbook at: forestadaptation.org/adapt. Find the original forest management adaptation menu at: forestadaptation.org/focus/wildlife

REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES

Find over 250 real-world projects that have used the Adaptation Workbook in climate-informed project planning and implementation, featured at forestadaptation.org/demos.