



# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP



## PURPOSE:

Wildlife managers face the growing challenge of helping wildlife populations and ecosystems 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 the Midwest.
- **Understand climate adaptation concepts** in the context of terrestrial wildlife management.
- **Develop custom-built actions** to enhance the ability of wildlife species to adapt to changing conditions.

## WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:

This workshop is for professional wildlife managers, including staff members from consulting firms; 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 AND WHERE?

**April 16-17, 2019**

Pyle Center  
702 Langdon St.  
Madison, WI

## QUESTIONS?

Questions about this workshop can be directed to Stephen Handler ([sdhandler@fs.fed.us](mailto:sdhandler@fs.fed.us)) and Ben Zuckerberg ([bzuckerberg@wisc.edu](mailto:bzuckerberg@wisc.edu))

## REGISTRATION

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

**Please register by April 1:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/7KN3O842oB4W6cDp2>

Registration will be capped at 30 participants.



Organized by NIACS, USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub, USGS Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts. Workshop costs provided by University of Wisconsin-Madison.



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## DRAFT AGENDA:

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 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, APRIL 17

- 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](mailto: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 Forest Adaptation resources and Adaptation Workbook at: [forestadaptation.org/far](http://forestadaptation.org/far).

Find the original forest management adaptation menu at: [www.adaptationworkbook.org/niacs-strategies](http://www.adaptationworkbook.org/niacs-strategies)

### 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](http://forestadaptation.org/demos).