

Natural Resource Needs Related to Climate Change in the Great Basin & Mojave Desert: Research, Adaptation, Mitigation

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Las Vegas, NV

Workshop Overview

The workshop will focus on how climate change is affecting natural resources in deserts of the western U.S., as well as the land, water, and species management and research needs that are essential to address in the coming decade. Workshop objectives include:

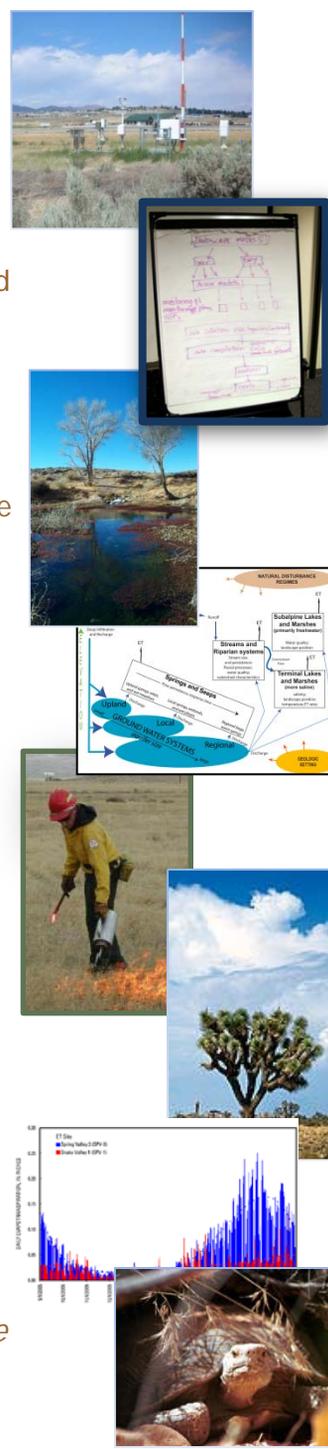
State of knowledge: Climate change drivers affecting the interior West; synthesis presentations about natural resource responses to climate change and associated mitigation and adaptation options

Current research and information needs: Will not only consider “best available scientific information,” but will also provide different perspectives on future research emphases and management information needs

Tools: Data, analyses, models, and conservation planning related to species, habitats, and conservation areas, in addition to socioeconomic drivers of change in the arid West; existing and new possibilities for improved coordination

Strategies and Actions: An examination of existing efforts: What networks and organizations exist or need to be formed to mitigate and adapt to ecosystem changes driven by a changing climate?

Improve management/cost efficiency, put relevant information in managers hands, bridge jurisdictions and minimize redundancy



Participants

Stakeholders in the natural resources management and research communities with interest in the potential effects of climate change on aridlands of western North America. The intended audience includes federal, state, tribal, and local government land and resource management agencies; federal, state, tribal and local government officials; federal, state, university, and non-governmental researchers; and the general public.

Call for Posters

The Workshop Planning Committee invites submission of abstracts for poster presentations at the Workshop. Abstracts should address the meeting theme, “Natural Resource needs Related to Climate Change in the Great Basin and Mojave Desert: Research, Adaptation, Mitigation.”

Submit abstracts by 1 March 2010 – see website for details

Information and Registration at:

<http://www.wr.usgs.gov/workshops/>