DRAFT Call for Sessions

Bringing Scientists and Managers Together: Landscape Conservation Workshop
UC Davis Conference Center
April 21-22

The California Landscape Conservation Cooperative is hosting a Landscape Conservation to bring scientists and managers together to discuss climate-smart landscape conservation and share results and lessons learned from across California. Participants will discuss how they are adapting natural resources management practices in consideration of a rapidly changing climate. Activities will engage participants in building collaborative partnerships for resilient California landscapes.

We invite proposals for sessions including symposiums, trainings, a tool cafe, and posters. Practitioners from federal, state, local government as well as NGO's, academics, and tribes are all welcome. Through a diverse set of sessions, participants will increase their awareness and understanding of climate-smart conservation and how lessons learned can be translated to their work.

Deadline for submissions is February 16, 2015. Please submit to Andrea Graffis at andrea_graffis@fws.gov **(link)**.

Session Types

1) **Symposiums** are groups of 3 – 4 speakers from both scientists and managers that can demonstrate how climate science has been or can be translated into management action. Symposiums will focus on science and management for changing ecosystem processes, developing climate-smart conservation practices, applications of climate-smart conservation in different ecosystem types, or methods of climate science delivery. See a list of topic areas below.

   Symposium sessions are 1.5 hours that include 20 minute panel question/answer session at the end.

   Talks by both scientists and managers on the same project are highly encouraged!

Talks submitted by individual presenters will not be considered.

2) **Training –** These sessions will provide participants with an interactive educational experience where they develop skills applicable to climate adaptation for natural resources in a classroom setting. Training will focus on climate science, tools or resources, science delivery, or another applicable climate-smart conservation skill set.

   Trainings sessions can be 1.5 or 3 hours.

3) The **Tools Café** session will facilitate outreach and understanding of online climate change decision support tools in a more interactive online setting. Presenters will staff their showcased tool demonstration during a designated Tools Café session.

4) **Posters** will play a key role in facilitating networking between scientists and managers during the workshop. A dedicated session will showcase posters related to climate-smart research, management, tools, or information.

   Posters are not to exceed 48" x 48", but posters may be smaller.

Topic Areas:

- **Developing Climate-Smart Conservation Practices:**
  - Building effective partnerships
  - Vulnerability Assessments
  - Reviewing and Revising Conservation Goals and Objectives
  - Landscape Conservation Design/Planning
  - Identifying and Evaluating Possible Adaptation Options
  - Implementing Adaptation Strategies
  - Tracking Action Effectiveness and Ecological Response

- **Science and Management for Changing Ecosystem Processes and how they affect species and habitats:**
  - Carbon Cycle and Sequestration
  - Fire Regimes
  - Hydrologic Regimes
  - Meteorological Changes (e.g. air temperature)
  - Sea Level Rise and Changing Ocean Conditions

- Sediment Regimes
- Storm Frequency and Intensity

- **Science Delivery**
  - What's worked
  - Innovative ways to deliver science

Sessions can cover topics statewide or can focus on an ecoregion such as:

- Forest
- Valley
- Coast
- Marine

Abstract submissions should include the following:

Title
Topic Area: Specify the topic areas from the list above relevant to your session
Ecoregion: Specify the ecoregion type from the list above
Session Description: Please limit descriptions to 350 words and include any relevant web links.
Invited and Confirmed Speakers: Include short biographies, contact info for each speaker, and a note if each speaker is invited or confirmed.

If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Fris at Rebecca_Fris@fws.gov **(link)**or 916-278-9415.