

Allegheny Plateau Climate Change Workshop

May 12-13, 2009

LOCATION: Warren Holiday Inn, Warren, PA

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- (1) Provide workshop participants with a better understanding of the effects of climate change on forests and associated ecosystems
- (2) Identify considerations for achieving forest management objectives given climate change and uncertainty (i.e. what should natural resource managers think about). Incorporate concepts of mitigation and adaptation.
- (3) Frame these considerations for use in management by participating organizations

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 12

8:30 Welcome, Workshop Overview, Introductions and Agenda

- *Leanne Marten, Allegheny NY*
- *Chris Swanston, USFS Northern Research Station*

8:45 Climate Change Overview (20 min talk; 10 min Q&A)

- *Louis Iverson, USFS Northern Research Station*

9:15 Interactions between forests, carbon, and climate change

(35 min talk; 10 min Q&A)

- *Chris Swanston, USFS Northern Research Station*

10:00 Climate Change Impacts and Solutions for Pennsylvania (Union of Concerned Scientists summary) (10 min talk; 5 min Q&A)

- *Susan Stout, USFS Northern Research Station*

10:15 Break

10:45 Potential Responses of Eastern Forests to Climate Change

- *Louis Iverson, USFS Northern Research Station*

11:30 Potential Responses of Eastern Birds to Climate Change [via Web]

- *Steve Matthews, Ohio State University/USFS Northern Research Station*

12:15 Lunch [On-site]

1:00 Break-out Session: Climate Change considerations for forests on the Allegheny Plateau

- 2:15 Break**
- 2:45 Whole group discussion**
- 3:45 Day 1 Wrap up**
- 4:00 Adjourn**

Wednesday, May 13

8:30 Welcome and Recap from Day 1

- *Chris Swanston*

8:40 Forest management in an Uncertain Climate Future

- *Maria Janowiak, Northern Institute of Applied Carbon Science*

9:40 Break-out groups to develop management/stewardship strategies

10:40 Breakout Groups Report Back to Full Group

11:30 Next Steps, Final Observations, and Wrap-up

- *Chris Swanston, Susan Stout, Maria Janowiak*

12:00 Adjourn