



Project Title: Monthly Climate Change Webinar for NPS staff and partners

Headline Title (2-5 words): Monthly climate change webinars

Brief Summary (Abstract): The Climate Change in America's National Parks webinar series provides a regular monthly venue for NPS staff and partners to learn about a wide range of topics related to climate change. It is both an opportunity for individuals to present scientific findings and techniques related to adaptation, planning, and communication, and a tool to enhance climate literacy and training. The series serves to connect regular attendees to the network of climate champions across the country in order to leverage knowledge and resources to respond to climate change in national parks.

Project Location: Any virtual audience or participant

Partners: NPS Climate Change Response Program, and a wide variety of participants from NPS and other agencies.

Project Goals: To provide timely updates on new climate science research reports, opportunities to engage experts in partner organizations, and provide training tools for staff.

Strategy Goals Implemented: Goal 6, strategy 6.3, actions 6.3.2: Engage employees from multiple agencies in key climate change issues by expanding existing forums for information sharing and idea exchange, and create new forums and channels as needed.

Climate Impacts Addressed: all

Status of Project Implementation (Timeline, Milestones, Next Steps):

In 2013, the NPS Climate Change Response Program hosted 12 webinars spanning a range of topics related to science, adaptation, mitigation, and communication. Six sessions were organized as 2-part themes (on fire management, Superstorm Sandy recovery, and determining conservation goals in an era of climate change), in which panelists presented information over two sessions (over a 2 month period), allowing for a more thorough examination of both the science and management response in the NPS. There are 500 names on the webinar subscription list, with an average participation of ~70 attendees in each webinar. Sixty-four webinars have been held between July 2008 and December 2013.

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