

Northern Rockies Adaptation Partnership



Welcome to the first newsletter of the Northern Rockies Adaptation Partnership (NRAP)!!! This newsletter will be issued monthly for the duration of the project and will be posted on the NRAP website <http://adaptationpartners.org/nrap>. Please feel free to forward the newsletter to others and encourage them to sign up for the NRAP listserv (link on the NRAP website).

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▪ **NRAP – The Big Picture**

NRAP has taken on the challenge of documenting the sensitivity of natural resources to climate change across an enormous landscape—the largest climate change vulnerability assessment ever attempted. The assessment will be the basis for developing adaptation options to reduce negative consequences and transition resources to a warmer climate. Over 80 resource specialists and researchers from federal agencies and other organizations are involved in a science-management partnership that encompasses vegetation, wildlife, water, fisheries, recreation, and ecosystem services. Resource teams (listed on the NRAP website) are moving forward with syntheses of scientific information for the assessment.

▪ **NRAP collaborations—always room for more**

Although the NRAP vulnerability assessment is well underway, this is a dynamic process, and your ideas are needed to improve the quality and communication of the assessment. Several organizations located in the NRAP region are addressing climate change and natural resources, and although collaborations have been established with some of them, it is helpful to know of opportunities to share information that will be of mutual benefit. If you know of any climate change activities that NRAP should be aware of, please share with the NRAP leadership team (listed on the NRAP website).

▪ **NRAP workshop schedule**

Workshops are being planned for autumn 2014 for each of the NRAP subregions. Each workshop will communicate highlights of the vulnerability assessment for each subregion and elicit adaptation options from local resource managers. Workshops are currently scheduled as follows:

October 9-10, Bozeman	Greater Yellowstone Area
October 15-16, Bismarck	Grasslands
October 20-21, Missoula	Eastern Rockies

October 23-24, Coeur d'Alene
November 3-4, Helena

Western Rockies
Central Rockies

We hope that many of you will be able to participate in these workshops, so mark your calendar now. Information on logistics will be forthcoming.

