### NPS Climate Change Response Overview of Relevant I&M Activities



# NPS Climate Change Science



### **Today's Overview of I&M Activities:**

- 1. Relevant efforts already well underway by I&M networks
- 2. Co-location and collaboration with FWS Refuge System
- 3. NPScape: landscape-scale data sets for parks and LCCs
- 4. Data synthesis and modeling efforts
- 5. Enhanced monitoring in 94 parks
- 6. Data integration and delivery IRMA system
- 7. Vulnerability assessments

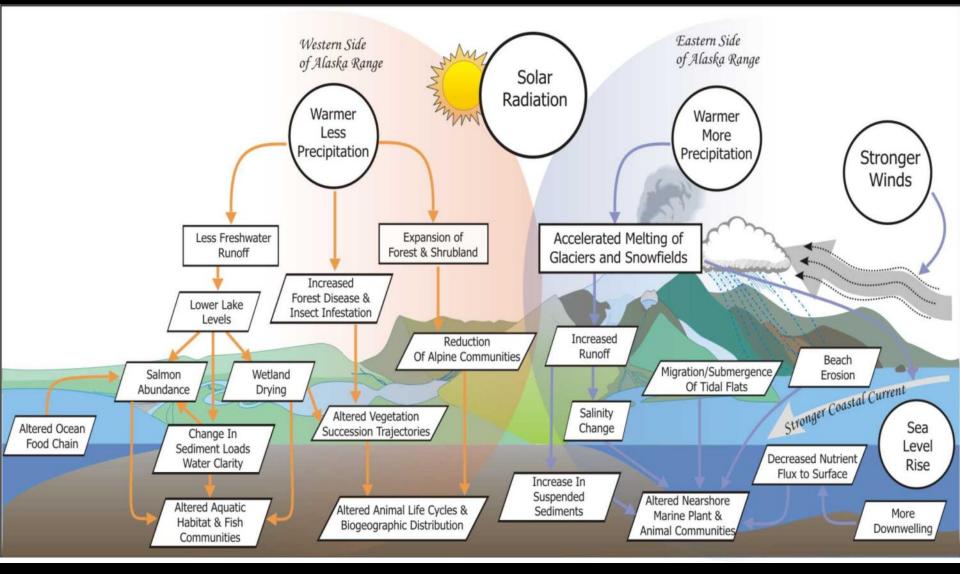
# NPS Climate Change Response

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- 1. All 32 I&M networks are already producing and delivering data and information relevant to climate change effects to inform park management, park planning, and to help provide the scientific basis for interpretation and outreach by others (e.g., science literacy efforts). For example:
  - Inventory data sets (e.g., climate inventory; vegetation and soils maps very relevant for carbon sequestration calculations; soil organic carbon distribution maps and rapid soil assessment tools being developed for parks)
  - Most of the vital signs being monitored are relevant to understanding and telling the public about changes to park resources. Climate change was considered by most networks during the planning, design, and indicator selection process.
  - Successful mechanisms already in place for delivering products and sharing information (e.g., I&M websites, resource briefs, technical reports, briefings to managers)

### What the 32 I&M Networks provide:

- Inventory and monitoring data from "boots on the ground" data collection, analysis, and routine reporting
- Compilation, analysis, translation, and delivery of data collected by other programs and agencies (e.g., climate data, air quality, landscape-scale datasets)
- Expertise (scientists, modelers, quantitative ecologists, data managers, science communication specialists).
   351 FTEs funded by I&M last year; the core of the NPS science capacity.
- Connection/communication between land managers and scientists through each network's Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee

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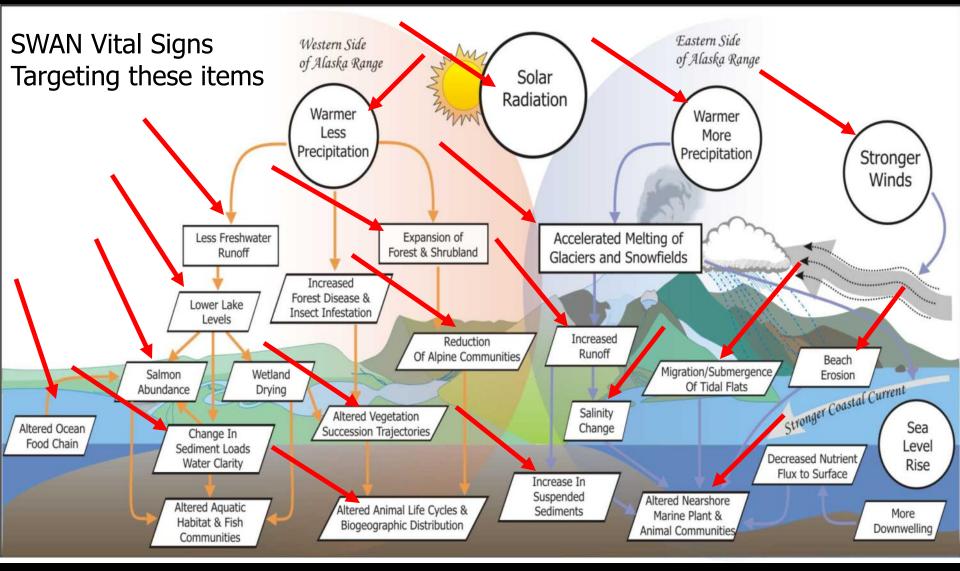




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Number of I&M parks that will monitor each vital sign category using existing funding (including partnerships with others where the networks will deliver data summaries to park managers and planners).

Vital sign category	Example measures (varies by network)	# of parks
Weather and Climate	Temperature, precipitation, wind speed, ice on/off	246
Water Chemistry	pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity	211
Land Cover and Use	Area in each land cover and use type; patch size & pattern	203
Invasive/Exotic plants	Early detection, presence/absence, area	200
Birds	Species composition, distribution, abundance	189
Surface Water Dynamics	Discharge/flow rates (cfs), gauge/stage height, lake elevation, spring/seep volume, sea level rise	158
Ozone	Ozone concentration, damage to sensitive vegetation	140
Wet and Dry Deposition	Wet deposition chemistry, sulfur dioxide concentrations	114
Visibility & Particulate Matter	IMPROVE network; visibility and fine particles	113
Fire and Fuel Dynamics	Long-term trend of fire frequency, average fire size, average burn severity, total area affected by fire	105
Vegetation Complexes	Plant community diversity, relative species / guild abundance, structure / age class, incidence of disease	101
Mammals	Species composition, distribution, abundance	93
Forest/Woodland Communities	Community diversity, coverage and abundance, condition & vigor classes, regeneration	93
Soil Function and Dynamics	Soil nutrients, cover and composition of biological soil crust communities, soil aggregate stability	91
Stream/River Channel Characteristics	Channel width, depth, and gradient, sinuosity, channel cross- section, pool frequency and depth, particle size	89
Aquatic Macroinvertebrates	Species composition and abundance	86
T&E Species and Communities	Population estimates, distribution, sex & age ratios	85
Air Contaminants	Concentrations of SOCs, PCBs, DDT, Hg	71
Groundwater Dynamics	Flow rate, depth to ground water, withdrawal rates, recharge rates, volume in aquifer	69
Amphibians and Reptiles	Species distribution & abundance, population age/size structure, species diversity, percent area occupied	54
Grassland/Herb Communities	Composition, structure, abundance, changes in treeline	51
Fishes	Community composition, abundance, distribution, age classes, occupancy, invasive species	50
Insect Pests	Extent of insect related mortality, distribution and extent of standing dead/stressed/diseased trees, early detection	50
Riparian Communities	Species composition and percent cover, distribution and density of selected plants, canopy height,	45

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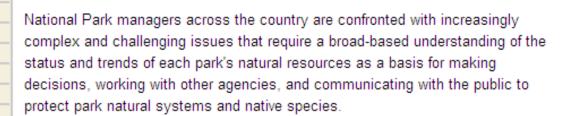
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#### The Inventory and Monitoring Program New: Climate Change Monitoring Briefs

#### Background



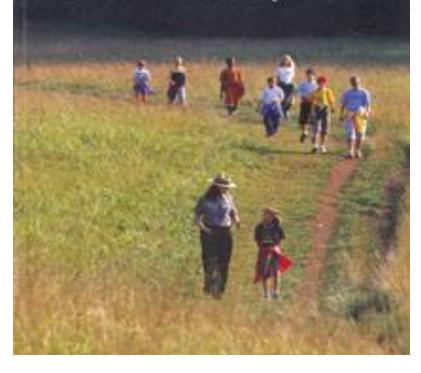
As part of the National Park Service's effort to "improve park management through greater reliance on scientific knowledge," a primary role of the Inventory and Monitoring (I&M) Program is to collect, organize, and make available natural resource data and to contribute to the Service's institutional knowledge by facilitating the transformation of data into information through analysis, synthesis, and modeling.

#### Climate change monitoring briefs for all 32 I&M networks:

http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/climate/index.cfm

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### Rethinking the National Parks for the 21st Century

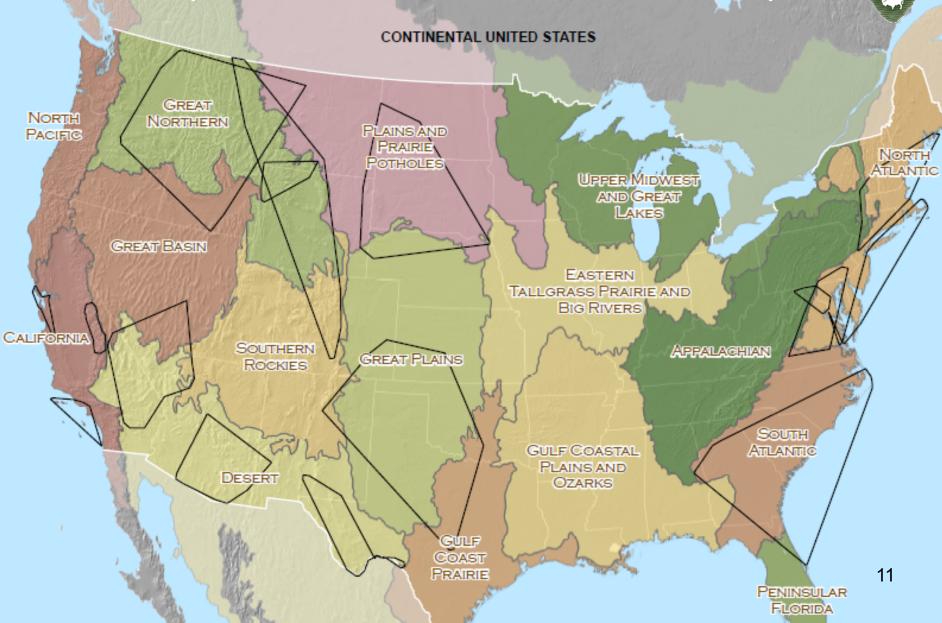


"A sophisticated knowledge of resources and their condition is essential. The Service must gain this knowledge through extensive collaboration with other agencies and academia, and its findings must be communicated to the public. For it is the broader public that will decide the fate of these resources."

Source: Rethinking the National Parks for the 21st Century. A Report of the National Park System Advisory Board, July 2001



### DOI Geographic Areas and examples of I&M Networks overlap



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Two of the NPS climate change science positions already in place and fully engaged w/ NPS and interagency efforts:





### Dr. John Gross Climate Change Ecologist

NPS Science Working Group Lead, vulnerability assessments, modeling efforts

#### **Dr. Shawn Carter**

Climate Change Monitoring Coord. and I&M Washington DC Liaison



### #2. NPS - USFWS Collaboration on I&M

The FWS will be co-locating the national staff for their new NWRS (refuge system) I&M Program with our national staff in Fort Collins; we will collaborate closely on basic inventories, long-term monitoring, data systems development (IRMA), and data synthesis activities.

Quote from Mark Chase, new Director of FWS Natural Resource Program Center in Fort Collins:

"The SHORT of it:

The Inventory and Monitoring program of the NWRS will look remarkably similar to the Inventory and Monitoring Program of the NPS.

The Service will collaborate closely with NPS, USGS, and other partners to leverage resources and avoid duplication of effort.

We are NOT reinventing the wheel."

### NPScape - Landscape dynamics monitoring



3. NPScape: Generating and delivering a suite of landscapescale datasets, maps, other products for each park and each LCC geographic area to inform management and planning.



Dr. Bill Monahan I&M Landscape Ecologist NPScape project is very relevant to LCC efforts and climate change response.

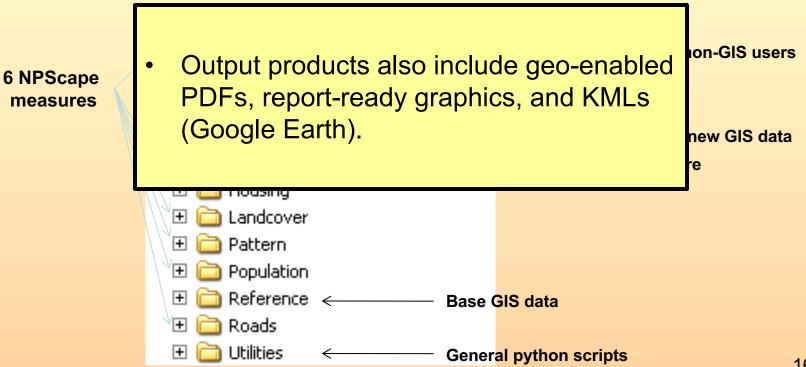
BLM, FWS, and USGS have already requested copies of our data layers and products. We shipped out hard drives chocked-full of landscape-scale data for each LCC to I&M networks for sharing. Initial analyses and delivery of products in Dec. 2009 were focused on six categories of indicators:

- Conservation Status and Ownership of lands
- Housing Density (historic, current, future projection)
- Landcover (area per landcover type; changes in natural vs. converted; % impervious surfaces)
- Pattern (patch size; grassland and forest morphology)
- Human Population (popn. density, historic, current, future)
- Roads (road density, distance from roads, area without roads)

# NPScape Products and Deliverables

Generated a NPScape media drive for each park with 1,900 files

Products were generated for a 30-km area around each park, and for the entire LCC geographic area that the park occurs within.



# NPScape - Landscape Dynamics

GREAT NORTH NORTHERN PACIFIC PLAINS AND PRAIRIE NORTH POTHOLES ATLANTIC UPPER MIDWEST AND GREAT LAKES GREAT BASIN Suite of datasets, maps, graphs, summarized data available for CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN GREAT each park at two scales: ROCKIES ~ 30 km area around each park Entire LCC geographic area DESERT Sharing data and products with FWS, BLM, USGS 17

# NPScape Products and Deliverables

### **Interpretive Guide:**

Documents the scientific basis, justification for measurements, literature summaries, citations, examples to put results in a broader context

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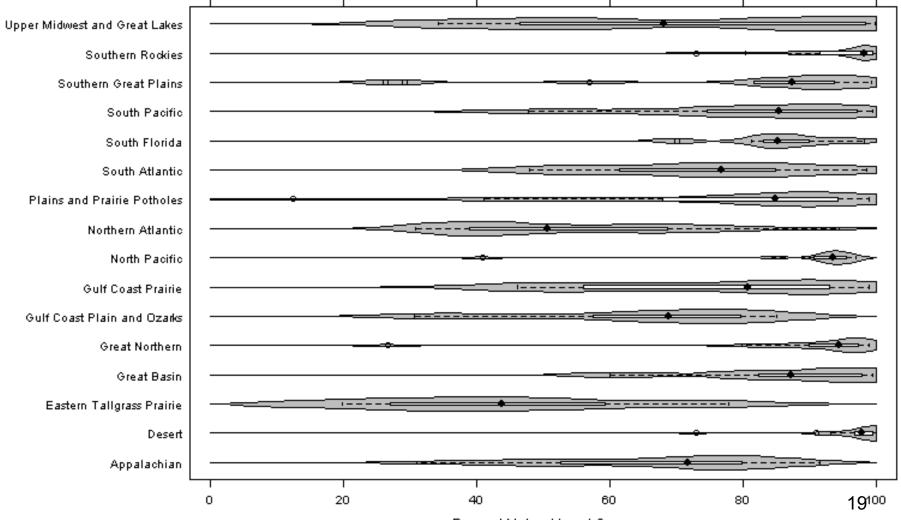
#### A Guide to Interpreting NPScape Data and Analyses

Natural Resource Technical Report NPS/XXXX/NRTR-2009/XXX



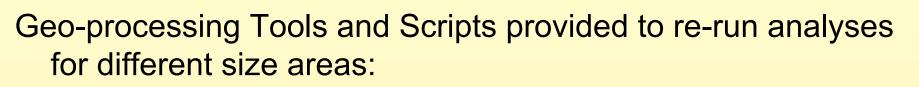
# Providing context: How do the measures for your park or LCC area compare to other parks or LCCs?

Percent of 30 km Local Landscape Natural (Unconverted) Cover



Percent Natural Land Cover

# NPScape Products and Deliverables



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### Data Sets that we have available to share w/ others:

#### Land Cover

Enhanced NLCD 1992 NLCD 1992 **NLCD 2001** NLCD Change Product **NLCD Impervious Surface** NLCD Tree Canopy **Historic Natural Fire Regime** LandFire - all products Land cover diversity (Simpson's) NatureServe Ecological Systems GAP/ReGAP Land cover characteristics Forest fragmentation Morphological pattern metrics Forest cover types Converted and natural landcover

#### Landform

DEM - 10, 30, and 120 meter Slope and aspect Depth to bedrock Sand, silt, clay fractions Crop capability Geology

#### **Climate**

Precipitation Temperature (min/max, variability) Growing season days NDVI Sea surface temperature

#### **Transportation**

Roads (Multiple data sources) Railroads (U.S. and Canada) National Waterways

#### **Population**

Nightime lights (1992/93, 2000) Populated places U.S. cities U.S. urban areas 1990, 2000 Census, block group Population projections by county SEDAC census grids Housing density (1940-2040) Inventoried roadless area Agriculture census by county Water use by county Conservation risk index Wildland Urban Interface

#### **Boundaries**

Omernick Ecoregions (and CEC) Bailey Ecoregions Physiographic Provinces UNEP Large Marine Ecosystems States Counties NPS Units (with various buffers) NPS Vital Sign Networks Protected Areas Boundaries Federal Lands National Wilderness Preservation System Continental Divide NCDC Climate Divisions NEON Domains

#### Hydrology

Hydrologic Units (4, 6, 8, 12-digit) NHD (med and high resolution) Impoundments Aquifers Ground water climate response network Sea ice (North America)



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### Data Synthesis and Modeling Efforts underway:

- 4. I&M data, expertise, and funding contributing to data synthesis, modeling, research, and planning efforts:
  - NASA-NPS-USGS-FWS-Smithsonian research solicitation
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  - Park Analysis of Landscapes and Monitoring Support (PALMS) -Ecosystem modeling and forecasting project
  - I&M networks contributing to NR Condition Assessments, Scenario Planning, interagency LCC workshops

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RESEARCH LAND PLANNING STRATEGIES APPLICATIONS

Call for Proposals is available at http://nspires.nasaprs.com/ Climate and Biological Response: Research and Applications (ROSES-2010 A.30)

Earth Science for Society: An Interagency Effort to Apply Earth Science Data to Improve Scientific Knowledge and Enhance Natural Resource Management

### Joint Research Solicitation

NASA USGS NPS FWS Smithsonian

http://nspires.nasaprs.com ROSES-2010 Appendix A.30

### NASA-NPS-FWS-USGS Joint Solicitation:

 "Data synthesis and Modeling to support National Park Ecosystem and Water Resource Management"; part of Section A.30 of "Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES)" request for proposals.

#### NASA agrees to:

- Include NPS scientists in review and selection of proposals for which NPS is intended as the host agency.
- Ensure that NPS staff are involved in successful proposals for which the NPS would ultimately host the forecasting tools or other products; and
- Proposals must include a plan and schedule for the transition of the forecasting tools or other products into the NPS.



# **National Park Monitoring Project**

http://www.fort.usgs.gov/brdscience/ParkMonitoring.htm



Status and Trends of Biological Resources Program

#### **USGS National Park Monitoring Project**

#### **Current Research**

Prototype Parks:

- Elk Monitoring Protocol
- Big River Protocol Development

#### Ecological Thresholds

- 醛 <u>Aggregate Measures</u>
- 🛮 <u>Aquatic Macroinvertebrates</u>
- Dryland Ecosystems
- Structured Decisions
- 🐸 <u>Salt Marsh</u>
- Data Analysis & Synthesis
- 醛 Amphibian Distribution
- Analysis of Linkages and Trends
- 🚰 <u>Climate Change</u>
- Ma-Based Methods
- Glacial-Marine Ecosystem
- Hierarchical Models

The USGS Status and Trends of Biological Resources Program (<u>S&T</u>), National Park Monitoring Project supports <u>USGS</u> research on priority topics (themes) identified by the National Park Service (<u>NPS</u>) Inventory and Monitoring Program (<u>1&M</u>). We fund research on major issues that may require a 2- to 5-year effort involving several principal investigators and several I&M networks. Our emphasis on longer-term research complements the emphasis of the Park Oriented Biological Support (<u>POBS</u>), which focuses on short-term technical assistance and exploratory research efforts and the emphasis of the Natural Resources Preservation Project (NRPP), which funds short-term, tactical research to meet natural resource management needs identified by NPS.

One page preproposals due June 15, 2010 Final proposals due August 15, 2010 We will probably continue this theme next year with the same due dates.

FY09, FY10 and FY11 Theme: Integrated Analysis, Modeling, and Synthesis of NPS Inventory and Monitoring Data to inform Condition-based Management

See <u>RFP</u>

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#### **Examples of USGS-NPMP funded projects:**

Climate Change & Plant Community Composition in National Parks of the Southwestern US: Forecasting Regional, Long-term Effects to Meet Management Needs (SODN parks and ORPI; Jayne Belnap, Munson, Dettinger, Andy Hubbard, Sue Rutman)

Hierarchical Models of Distribution and Density of Birds across Coastal Parks of SW Alaska (SWAN parks; Coleen Handel, Bill Thompson)

Integrated phenological monitoring, analysis, and synthesis to track ecosystem responses to climate change

(Appalachian Trail; Jake Weltzin, Brian Mitchell)

Using Advanced Satellite Products to Better Understand I&M Data within the Context of the Larger Ecoregion

(Heartland parks; Jeff Morisette, Kevin James)

Integrated analysis, modeling, and synthesis of the impacts of blister rust and mountain pine beetle mortality to whitebark pine in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (Greater Yellowstone area; Chuck Schwartz, Stacey Ostermann-Kelm)

Synthesizing Vital Signs Data from Klamath (KLMN) and San Francisco Bay Area (SFAN) Networks: Analysis of Linkages and Trends in Climate, Stream Flow, Vegetation, Salmon, and Ocean Conditions

(KLMN and SFAN parks; Madej, Torregrosa, Woodward; Dan Sarr, Marcus Koenen)



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#### PALMS - Park Analysis and Monitoring Support

A joint project of the NPS, Montana State University, Woods Hole Research Institute, Colorado State University, and NASA Ames Research Center

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This site describes the PALMS project, and provides access to project products, related and supporting publications, instructions to access data, presentations, reports, and associated project materials. As products mature and are finalized, they will be uploaded and available via the NPS NRInfo portal via IRMA (intranet only).

### Ecological condition of US National Parks: Enhancing decision support through monitoring, analysis, and forecasting

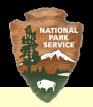
#### PALMS Products

#### Key documents

PALMS Fact Sheet, 2008. NASA Project Proposal, 2005. PALMS Assessment Report, 2009. PALMS Indicator Summary table March 2009

#### Procedures and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/monitor/lulc/palms/index.cfm<sup>27</sup>



- Pilot projects at Delaware Water Gap, Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone, Yosemite
- Provides landscape-level indicators to support vital signs monitoring
- Establish procedures to transfer and incorporate NASA data products and models into monitoring
- Use ecological expertise to guide analyses, interpretation, and communication.

PALMS indicators relevant to climate change response:

- Landscape-scale phenology
- Access to high-resolution climate data (historical, projections)
- Connectivity (multiple measures)
- Population and land use projections

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### Enhanced Monitoring in 94 parks

- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
- 5. Additional permanent funding in FY10 to build on existing natural resource monitoring (including data management, analysis, synthesis, modeling, and stronger collaboration with partners). Targeted for 94 highly-vulnerable parks in 6 groups:
  - High Latitude parks in 4 Alaska I&M networks
  - Southwest Desert parks in the SODN, CHDN, and MOJN networks
  - High-elevation parks in the ROMN, GRYN, and UCBN
  - Atlantic Coastal parks in the SECN (emphasis on coastal and marine parks)
  - Atlantic Coastal parks in the NETN, NCBN, and NCRN networks (emphasis on coastal and marine parks)
  - Pacific Island parks

(We will request funding for additional groups of parks in future years)

### Enhanced Monitoring - Alaska (Preliminary plan being fleshed out)

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- Glacier monitoring:
  - Complete much-needed glacier extent mapping
  - Develop summary statistics on condition of glaciers in all 4 I&M networks
  - Leverage surface elevation monitoring to calculate rates of volume change in future
- Permafrost: Protocols being developed by CAKN and ARCN
  - Leverage with other DOI agencies and university to monitor ice distribution and condition
- Phenology:
  - Partner w/ National Phenology Network; biological and physical indicators
  - Provides continental context for Alaska events
- GLORIA plots for alpine vegetation and soil monitoring
  - Anchor the high-latitude end of a gradient that starts in southern Rockies
- Remote sensing specialist shared across 4 I&M networks
- Science communication specialist
  - Packaging and delivery of scientific information to park managers and the public; contributing to science literacy

### Enhanced Monitoring - SW Deserts (Preliminary plan being fleshed out)

- Spring Distribution and Water Availability:
  - water availability (timing, amount)
- Phenology and Snowpack:
  - MODIS and similar technologies for broad-scale monitoring of phenology, snowpack, and productivity
- Science Communication and Science Literacy
  - Enhance Learning Center of the American Southwest (LCAS) to report climate change information across the LCC
- Leading Indicators of Climate Change
  - Enhance existing protocols to collect additional information for species most sensitive to climate change
- Climate protocol development
  - Consistent protocol for Desert LCC area for summarizing and delivering weather and climate data based on park needs and at the LCC scale

### Enhanced Monitoring being considered for High Elevation parks in ROMN-GRYN-UCBN



(very preliminary – workshop with parks and partners held just last week)

- Enhanced long-term monitoring efforts involving field work:
  - 5-needle pines (e.g., white-bark, limber pine consistent across networks)
  - High elevation lakes (water chemistry)
  - Add GLORIA alpine monitoring sites at YELL, GRTE (already in other parks)
  - Sage steppe/shrublands monitoring
  - Invasive plants early detection protocol implementation
- Analysis and delivery of data collected by other programs to parks in a more useable format:
  - Fire frequency, extent, timing (from fire program)
  - NPScape; e.g., land cover and use, landscape context
  - Weather and Climate data summary/delivery
  - Water quantity (e.g., USGS and other stream gauging efforts)
  - Insects and Disease outbreaks (e.g., Forest Service)
  - Phenology

# Enhanced Monitoring - South Atlantic Coastal Parks (preliminary)



- More salt-marsh SET elevation stations. (45 sites, each with three stations planned)
- Addition of tidal gages at CALO and CANA (there's a gap in the existing gage network)
- Adding some groundwater monitoring wells to fill the data gaps identified in our groundwater inventory/protocol.
- Adding automated weather data recorders to our data sondes at CAHA, CALO, CUIS, and CANA to plug data gaps identified in the climate inventory.
- Additionally, at a minimum, our stream habitat, bird monitoring, coastal shoreline monitoring, stream water quantity, and land use change protocols will be tied into existing monitoring efforts underway by the USGS project, and will be reviewed to ensure that we are collecting and reporting data in a way that will be useful to the modelers. Except for coastal shoreline monitoring, tying into the models will not be limited to only our coastal parks.

# Enhanced Monitoring

#### North Atlantic Coastal Parks: (preliminary; still being developed)

- Enhance Salt Marsh Sediment Elevation Table (SETs) monitoring, data analysis, reporting and management.
  - Install SETs at ACAD and COLO and enhance existing sites at FIIS, CACO, BOHA, and GATE.
  - Shared position to manage SET monitoring for 10 parks across 3 Networks (NCBN, NETN and NCRN).
- Implement marsh bird monitoring program in 11 North Atlantic Coast parks.
  - Citizen science marsh bird monitoring program being developed.
  - Shared position to manage Marsh Bird monitoring program and coordinate collaboration with coastal FWS Marsh Bird monitoring program.
- Enhance data management (including data harvesting and synthesis) and science communication for climate change monitoring via shared data manager/communications specialist.
  - May share a position with FWS I&M Program in the Northeast.

## Enhanced Monitoring - Pacific Islands

(PACN has been involved in interagency monitoring and coordination efforts since the network began years ago; examples of recent enhancements using existing I&M and other funds as well as \$100K additional funds this year):

Consistent interagency monitoring of forest birds along elevation and habitat gradients in cooperation with State of Hawaii, Univ. Hawaii, USGS, and The Nature Conservancy. Major support for Hawaii Interagency Forest Bird Database Project and data synthesis efforts.

Collaboration with USGS on invasive plant species early detection including alert and reporting system for new invaders, identification of invaders of high concern, map-based invasive species tracking tool, and educational materials to allow identification by non-experts.

>Developing web-, classroom-, and field-based learning materials on coral reef resources (with an emphasis on climate change) for four PACN parks.

# Data Integration and Delivery

 Accelerating the development of an integrated data system for interagency data sharing and integration.
 IRMA (Integrated Resource Management Applications).





- Integration of Resource Management Applications
- Service-oriented Architecture (SOA): build once, use many times services that can be reused by many applications
- Using DOI and industry standards to allow data exchange and integration among data systems
- DOI award for "Best Agency SOA Application"

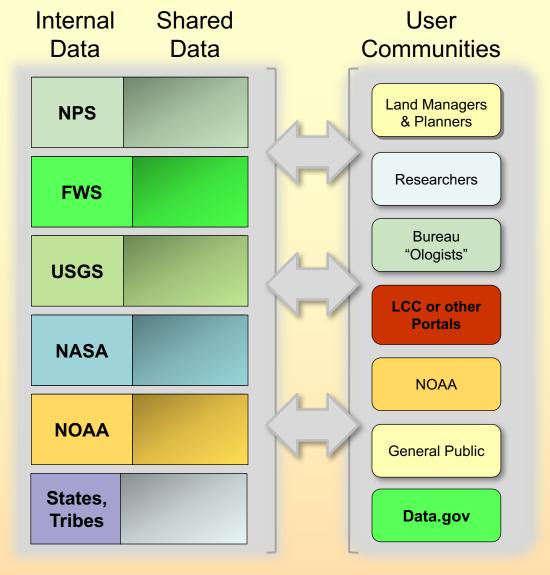
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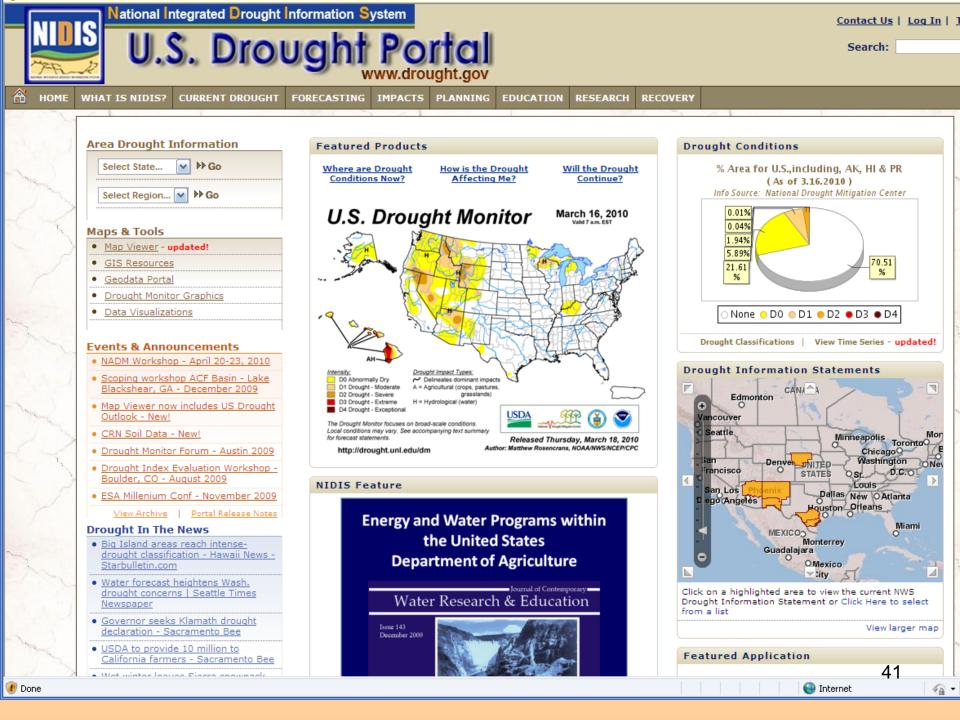
"Addressing climate change impacts will require a monumental effort by DOI" "The data piece is probably the most important component of all of this" David Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior

#### Key Points from DOI Data Management/Integration Subcommittee:

- <u>Data and information sharing and integration are the key</u> to collaboration among DOI bureaus and their many partners in addressing the significant climate change challenges.
- We need a significant DOI response to develop effective and efficient means of <u>finding, retrieving, using, and sharing the best available data and information</u>. This will require both a top-down and bottom-up approach to addressing Department-wide data management issues.
- The key to data sharing and integration is <u>modernization of data systems</u> using reusable and sharable building blocks ("web services") based on DOI and industry standards to allow data exchange across multiple data systems.



Conceptual approach showing a few agencies: Each agency maintains their data systems, yet make portions of their data available for sharing by using a common set of standards and processes<sub>40</sub>



# DOI Climate Change Response



#### "The Department of Interior has committed to a unified monitoring and data management effort that will promote state of the art data integration procedures to facilitate data sharing."

- Interior's Plan for a Coordinated, Science-based Response to Climate Change Impacts on our Land, Water, and Wildlife Resources

- The technology exists for a coordinated, distributed system
- We know how to do this several DOI efforts already underway
- Lots of other agencies, universities, NGOs, industry contributing
- Congress and OMB want to eliminate redundancy and see true interagency collaboration ... the DOI could be a national leader if we got our data integration act together
- DOI CIO office is developing a "business area" for climate change so that each bureau can modernize their segments. 42

# What the NPS and others are doing now

- IRMA system has already integrated 6 separate applications; eventually will integrate 19 applications; serious about data integration and data sharing
- Natural Resource Database Template
  - ✓ Consistent core data structure in MS Access
  - ✓ Hundreds of successful NRDT databases nationwide
  - Long-term datasets will be available through IRMA or data.gov can be discovered and accessed by others
- FWS I&M Program co-locating with us in Fort Collins
  - Setting up contract with same SOA-GIS-IT company and will "join at the hip" with us; comparable inventory and monitoring data sets for the Natl. Wildlife Refuge System and National Park System.
- USGS talking about 7-10 regional data centers where researchers would submit their data; working on web services and metadata and data structure standards – sending team here next week to learn from us.
- States Western Governor's Assn. 17 states serious about this
- BLM sending team here soon; we are sharing NPScape data with them already

## **Recent demos of NPS, FWS, USGS integration**

Geology & Soils <sup>\*</sup> Water <sup>\*</sup> Landscapes

### Natural Resource Information Portal

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#### Welcome to the Natural Resource Information Portal



These pages are the beginning of a "one-stop shopping" gateway to NPS natural resource data and information.

Air & Climate

To get started click on one of the subject tabs above.

This portal is part of the IRMA project (Integration of Resource Management Applications). The goal of IRMA is to simplify finding, downloading, and sharing essential NPS natural resource information.

These pages will be growing steadily as we add content and capabilities. We welcome your comments, and you can submit your feedback via email (Irma\_FeedBack@den.nps.gov).

For now, the NRInfo Portal is limited to NPS users; however, the goal is to eventually make much of this information available to the public by late 2010.

#### NRInfo Navigation and News

- Navigation
  - Get a Park Species List
  - Search for Docs or Data
  - Search Taxonomy
- New for Release 7
  - Enhanced Text Searching
  - Updated Unit Selectors
  - Web Services
- Currently available to NPS users; read-only, non-sensitive data
- Additional functionality and data added every few months
- Legacy systems no longer needed by end of 2010
- Non-sensitive data expected to be publically available in 2011

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USGS Prototype Access to Publications Warehouse – 70,000 records



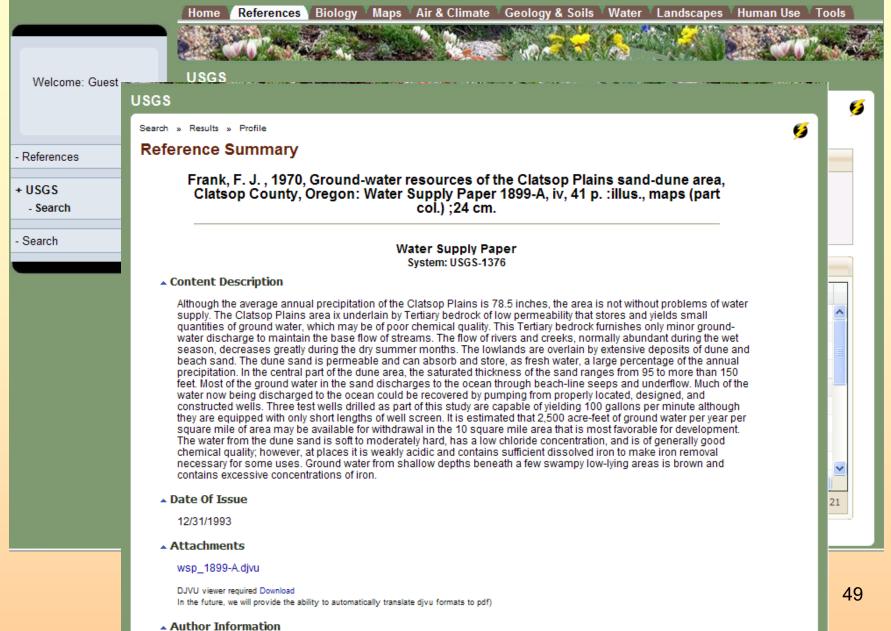
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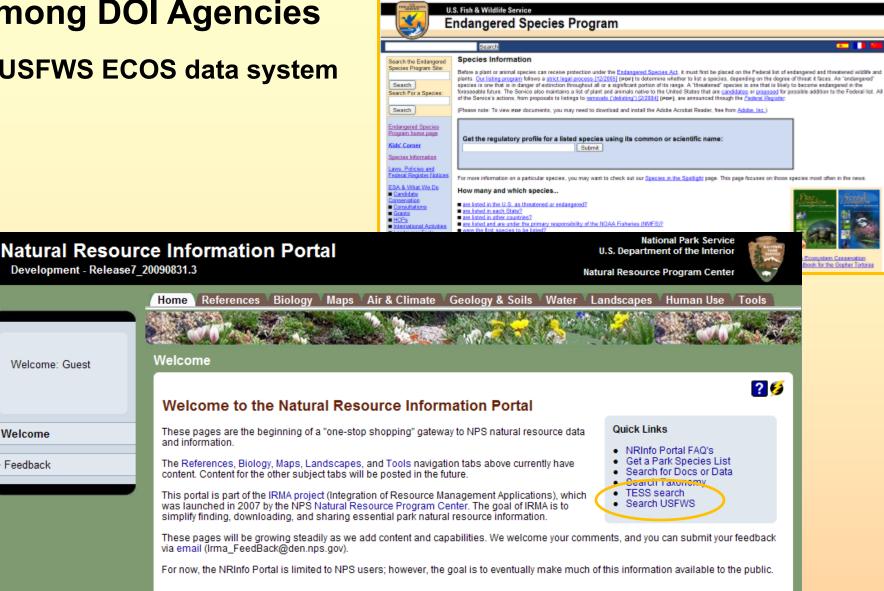
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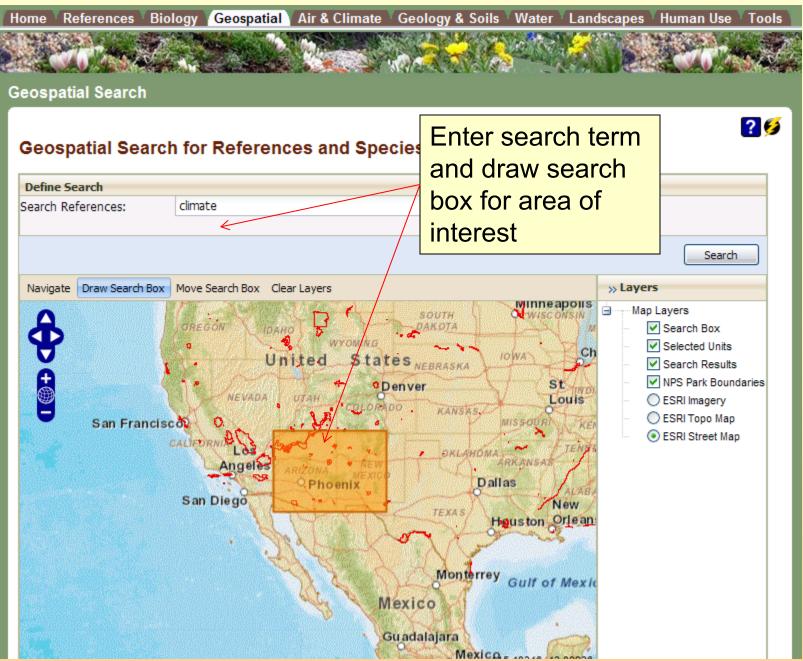
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#### May 31st release of IRMA will incorporate geospatial search tools



Data Sharing and Integration – You don't need to use the web portal (this is the real power of our approach)

**REST-style Searches** (representational state transfer)

Example: link to fetch data and documents on elk in ROMO:

http://services.nrinfo.nps.gov/reference/reference/list/romo/elk

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- Tools	Web Services Data from several services within the NRinfo Portal can now be fetched directly by using REST (REpresentational State Transfer) style web services. REST allows users to compose a URL using specific patterns, which then executes the data. The documentation pages for
- Unit Search	supported operations are organized under the four domains in the left navigation panel (NPSpecies, Taxonomy, Reference, and Unit). Resources fetched via REST can be output in the form of xml or json. NRInfo services can also transform lists of resources into csv or Excel 2007 types of documents. If no format is specified, the response data is provided, by default, in an xml format. All format by personal be provided in the URL set lower case storing. The which oment (press with feedore m), provided in the URL set lower case storing. The which format (press with feedore m), provided in the URL set lower case storing.
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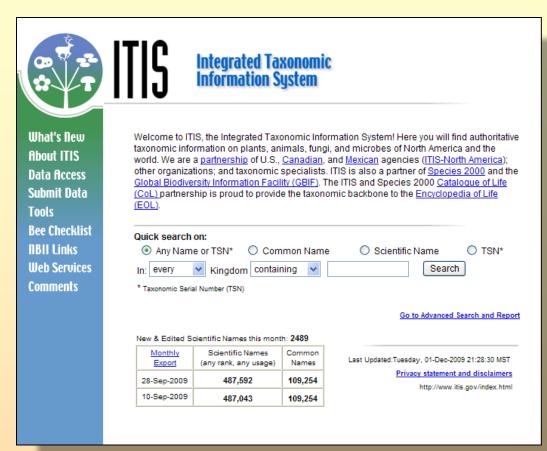
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### **e-TIC** SOA framework (Documentum software);

Two-way data exchanges possible: user has option to include eTic in NRInfo searches and vice versa

## **Data Sharing and Integration among Agencies**



#### ITIS

Collaborating on exchange specifications;

Receive taxonomy record updates via web services

NPS is a partner to the MOU and we have provided funding since 2000 for the development of ITIS

## **Data Sharing and Integration with Other Portals:**

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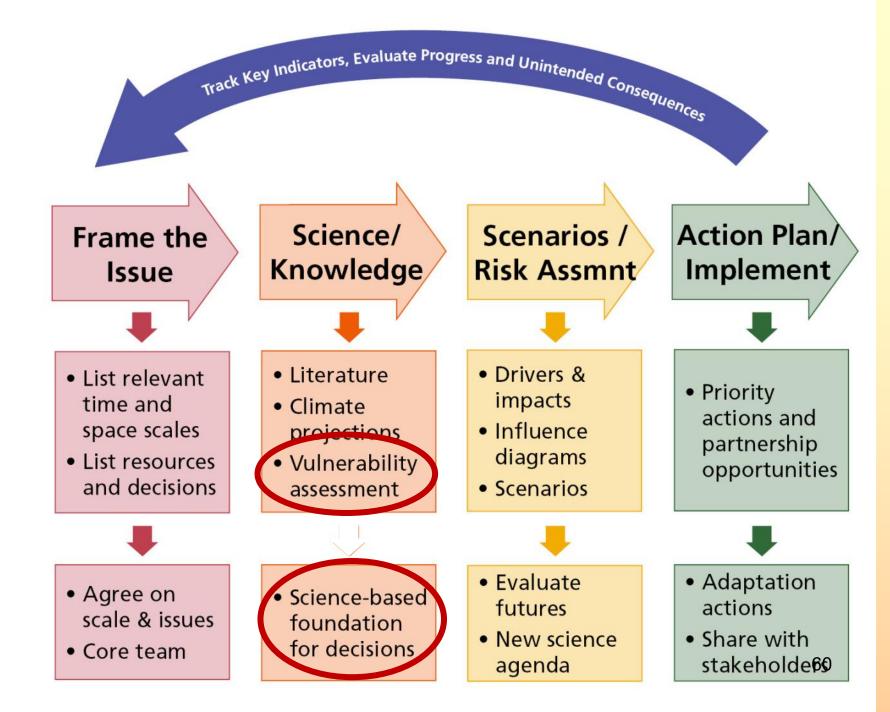
## Vulnerability Assessments



## Purpose of Vulnerability Assessments:

# To **identify** resources at risk and **understand why** they are vulnerable.

- NPS is partnering with National Wildlife Federation, States, other federal agencies to figure out how to approach this
- VAs needed for natural resources, cultural resources, infrastructure
- Multiple scales e.g., species, communities, ecosystems, landscapes
- Several different approaches are needed:
  - ✓ "Rapid assessment" for some resources
    - coarse filter; spreadsheet approach
  - ✓ Detailed (slow and expensive) for certain high-priority resources
    - Requires extensive databases, complex modeling



# Climate Change Vulnerability Guide:

- Collaborators include NWF, FWS, USGS, NPS, USFS, universities, NGOs
- Explains role of VAs in CC adaptation
- Uses IPCC framework: exposure, sensitivity, adaptability
- Describes the elements of VAs
- Seven case studies:
  - $\checkmark$  simple to complex
  - ✓ species to broad habitats



#### SCANNING THE CONSERVATION HORIZON

A Guide to Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment



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Available on Sharepoint site in Vulnerability Assessment Info folder: http://nrpcsharepoint/climatechange/Science/Forms/SciDocsSorted.aspx

## Projects Contributing to NPS Vulnerability Assessments:



Projects funded by Climate Change Response Program that support Vulnerability Assessments:

- Acadia salt marshes and sea level rise
- Beach mouse and sea level rise
- Vulnerability to sea level rise tidal reaches of Potomac & Anacostia Rivers
- Pikas in Peril: multi-regional vulnerability assessment
- Climate refugia and connectivity for desert bighorn sheep
- Effects of climate change on the Karner blue butterfly
- Multiregional evaluation of pollinator response to CC
- Shenandoah salamanders effects of climate change

## Next steps for Vulnerability Assessments:



- Figuring out how to better coordinate VAs with scenario planning
- Park-based vulnerability assessments

   (e.g., initial discussions with Northern Great Plains parks, National Capital Region parks)
- NPS Forest Service coordination on VAs
- Training park and regional staff to conduct VAs

# Questions?

