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## NEW SCENARIO PLANNING PUBLICATIONS



[A Tribe Called Quest](#) once famously asked, "What's the Scenario?" In January, the NPS Climate Change Response Program released three important publications on scenario planning that you, Q-Tip, and Busta Rhymes might find interesting. So here we go, yo...

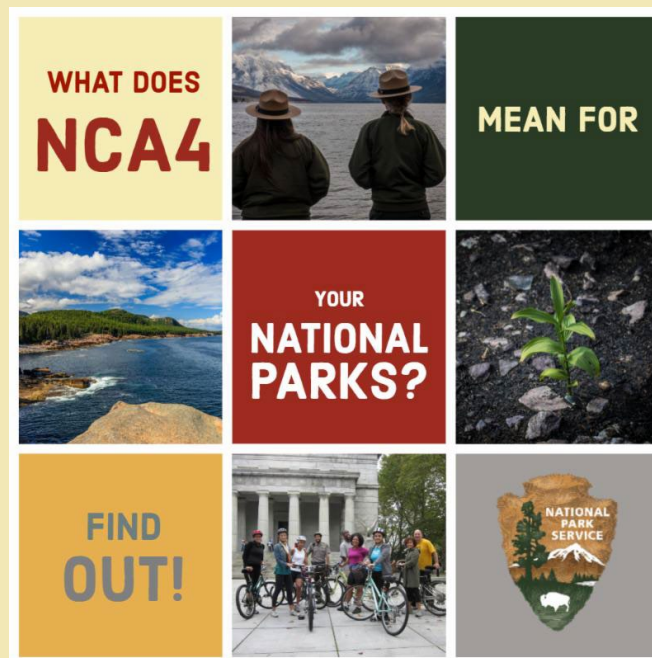
- A new report entitled [Climate change scenario planning for resource stewardship: Applying a novel approach in Devils Tower National Monument](#) explains scenario planning as a climate change adaptation tool in general, then describes how the tool was applied in the context of a first-of-its-kind pilot project to dovetail scenario planning with NPS Resource Stewardship Strategy development.
- A new report entitled Implications of [Climate Change for the Water Supply of the Chisos Mountains Developed Area](#) examines the connection between contemporary climate conditions and discharge from Oak Spring, the sole water source for the highly visited Chisos Basin in Big Bend National Park (BIBE). The report assesses projected future climate conditions at BIBE, and links those conditions to estimates of Oak Spring flow to provide supporting information for water development decisions in the Chisos basin.
- A new article entitled [Repeatable approaches to work with scientific uncertainty and advance climate change adaptation in US national parks](#) describes how the

NPS Climate Change Response Program has refined methods for developing and applying climate change scenario planning to support national park management. It outlines the development of climate-resource scenarios from global climate models, then provides case studies of multiple scenario-based approaches that exemplify a range of uses of the standardized methodology-from simple to complex-to help prepare parks for future conditions under climate change.

## 2019 Regional Roundtables in Review

*"This really was one of the best webinars I've experienced."*

Southern Great Plains Parks NCA4 Regional Roundtable Participant



*"It was phenomenal to learn of the forward-thinking projects that are planned and currently in progress."*

Midwest Parks NCA4 Regional Roundtable Participant

Throughout 2019, the NPS Climate Change Response Program hosted a year-long series of regional roundtables to deliver region-specific information from the latest National Climate Assessment. Over 600 attendees interacted with report authors and invited park presenters during the ten-park series. Each roundtable explored regional climate change impacts and projections relevant to park planning and management.

Recordings of all events in the roundtable series can be [accessed here](#).

**Does your park have a climate change  
wayside or exhibit?**



One of the most common requests from students taking the Interpreting Climate Change is to see examples of how other parks are interpreting the topic. To that end, we'd like to compile a photo gallery of park displays, waysides, and exhibits to provide inspiration for interpreters who are undertaking their own climate change projects.

Please send high-resolution photographs of your climate change interpretation to [climate\\_change@nps.gov](mailto:climate_change@nps.gov)!



The Climate Change Response Program invites interested NPS employees, contractors, and volunteers to enjoy unlimited access to the Association of Climate Change Officers

(ACCO) [library of on-demand and live online training](#) FREE for one full year. This opportunity affords participants unparalleled flexibility to customize training according to their needs and work around busy schedules.

Availability is limited and will be awarded strictly on a first-come, first serve basis. For instructions on how to register for this opportunity, please contact Larry Perez at [larry\\_perez@nps.gov](mailto:larry_perez@nps.gov).



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