

The Conference 'Bringing Climate into Natural Resource Management' was held in Portland, Oregon, on June 28-30, 2005. This conference was sponsored by the USDA FS Pacific Northwest Station, the USDA FS Rocky Mountain Research Station, and the Western Forestry and Conservation Association. The conference was attended by 115 people who represented federal, state, county-level governments, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and large and small forest landowners. Presentations on climate and on water described western landscapes as the geographic area in the US where the greatest changes in climate might be seen, and presented data to show changes in the western US climate over the last century. Additional presentations explored the latest developments on the potential impacts of climate change on forest and rangeland ecosystems, fire regimes, insect dynamics, invasive species, economies, and communities. Carbon management issues on western lands, both sequestration and biomass energy development, capped off the presentations on the last day. Panels of natural resource managers provided presentations and led panel discussions about the challenge of and approach to bringing climate into resource management, particularly an uncertain climate. The workshop also engaged participants in roundtable discussions on numerous management issues to determine the type of information that managers need in order to address climate change in natural resource management, to assess whether that information is available, and to identify information gaps that need to be addressed. Proceedings of this conference are being developed and will be available through the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station. Contact Linda Joyce (ljoyce@fs.fed.us) for more information.