

The Climate Change Performance Scorecard

Assessing our Response to Climate Change

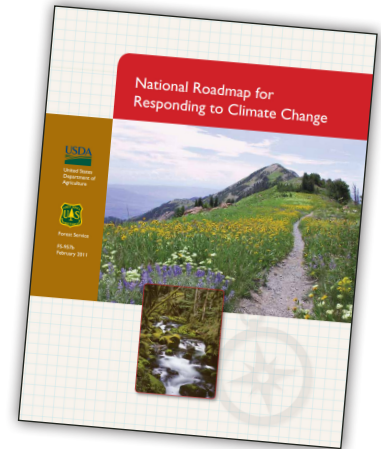
► What is the Scorecard?

The Forest Service is continuing development of a strategic framework for responding to climate change. In order to connect field units with the strategy, the **Climate Change Performance Scorecard** and **The National Roadmap for Responding to Climate Change** were developed as assessment tools in FY 2011. The Roadmap outlined the agency's approach to assess, engage, and manage National Forests and Grasslands in the face of a changing climate. To maintain accountability, and to measure progress toward the Roadmap goals, the Forest Service created the Climate Change Performance Scorecard.

► How Does it Work?

The Scorecard guides National Forests' and Grasslands' work on strategies to prepare for new conditions created by changing climates, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The intent of the Scorecard is to create a balanced approach to climate change. The Scorecard helps units adapt to change, mitigate climate change, build partnerships across boundaries, and prepare employees to understand, and apply emerging science.

The Scorecard is an assessment tool that consists of ten yes-or-no elements, and is intended to track progress toward the Roadmap's goals across four dimensions: Organizational Capacity, Engagement, Adaptation, and Mitigation. The goal is for each National Forest System unit to say yes to seven of the ten elements, including one in each of the Roadmap Dimensions, by FY16.



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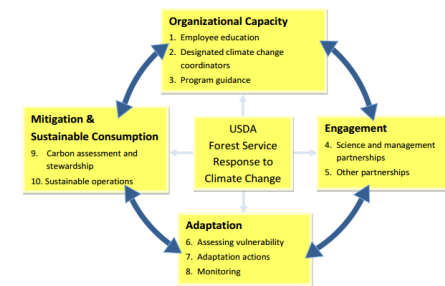
The Forest Service Climate Change Performance Scorecard, 2011 (version 1.3)		
To be completed annually by each National Forest or Grassland (Unit).		
Scorecard Element	Unit Name	Yes/No
Organizational Capacity		
1. Employee Education	Are all employees provided with training on the basics of climate change, impacts on forests and grasslands, and the Forest Service response? Are resource specialists made aware of the potential contribution of their own work to climate change response?	
2. Designated Climate Change Coordinators	Is at least one employee assigned to coordinate climate change activities and be a resource for climate change questions and issues? Is this employee provided with the training, time, and resources to make his/her assignment successful?	
3. Program Guidance	Does the Unit have written guidance for progressively integrating climate change considerations and activities into Unit-level operations?	
Engagement		
4. Science and Management Partnerships	Does the Unit actively engage with scientists and scientific organizations to improve its ability to respond to climate change?	
5. Other Partnerships	Have climate change related considerations and activities been incorporated into existing or new partnerships (other than science partnerships)?	
Adaptation		
6. Assessing Vulnerability	Has the Unit engaged in developing relevant information about the vulnerability of key resources, such as human communities and ecosystem elements, to the impacts of climate change?	
7. Adaptation Actions	Does the Unit conduct management actions that reduce the vulnerability of resources and places to climate change?	
8. Monitoring	Is monitoring being conducted to track climate change impacts and the effectiveness of adaptation activities?	
Mitigation and Sustainable Consumption		
9. Carbon Assessment and Stewardship	Does the Unit have a baseline assessment of carbon stocks and an assessment of the influence of disturbance and management activities on these stocks? Is the Unit integrating carbon stewardship with the management of other benefits being provided by the Unit?	
10. Sustainable Operations	Is progress being made toward achieving sustainable operations requirements to reduce the environmental footprint of the Agency?	



Scorecard Guide

Navigating the Climate Change Performance Scorecard

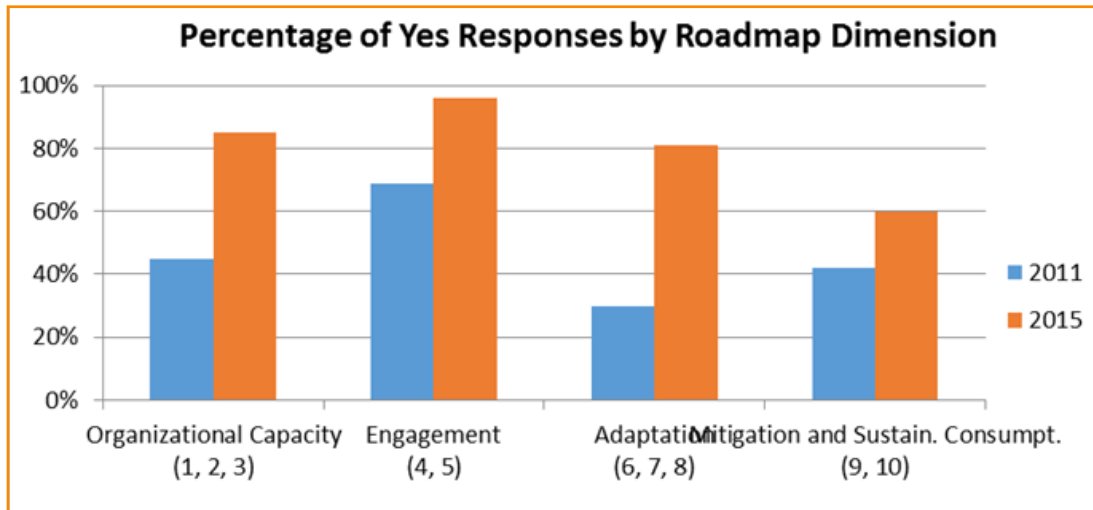
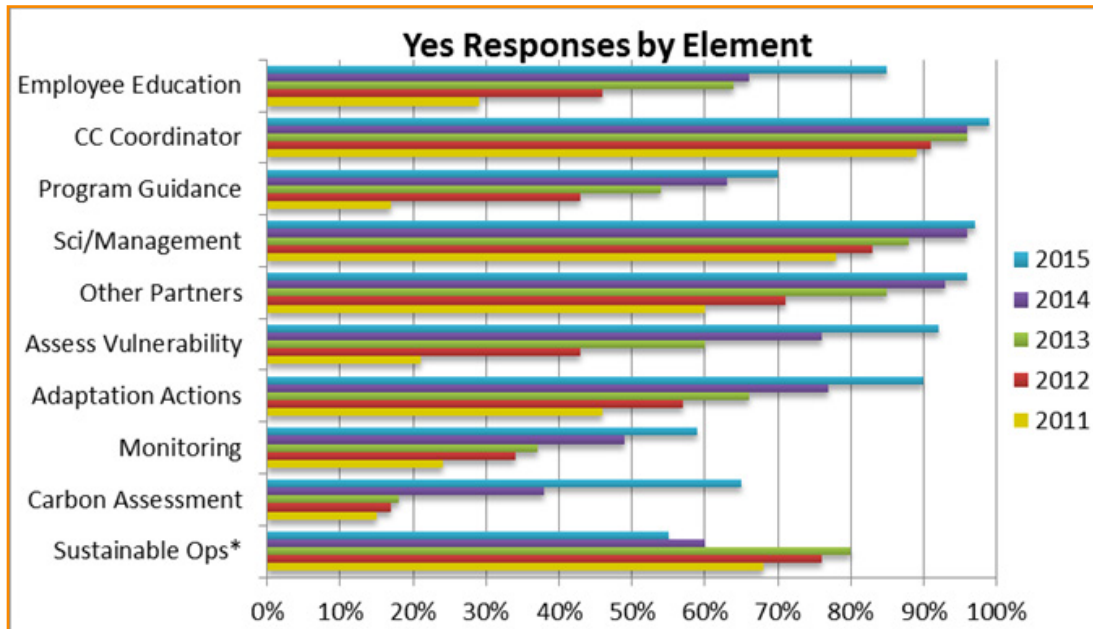
A Guide for National Forests and Grasslands (Version 2, August 2011)



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The *Navigating the Climate Change Scorecard Guide* provides direction on completing the Scorecard to Forest and Grassland Supervisors and their staff. Much of this guide is helpful for Research Stations, Regional Offices, and the Washington Office in identifying areas where they can or should lend support.



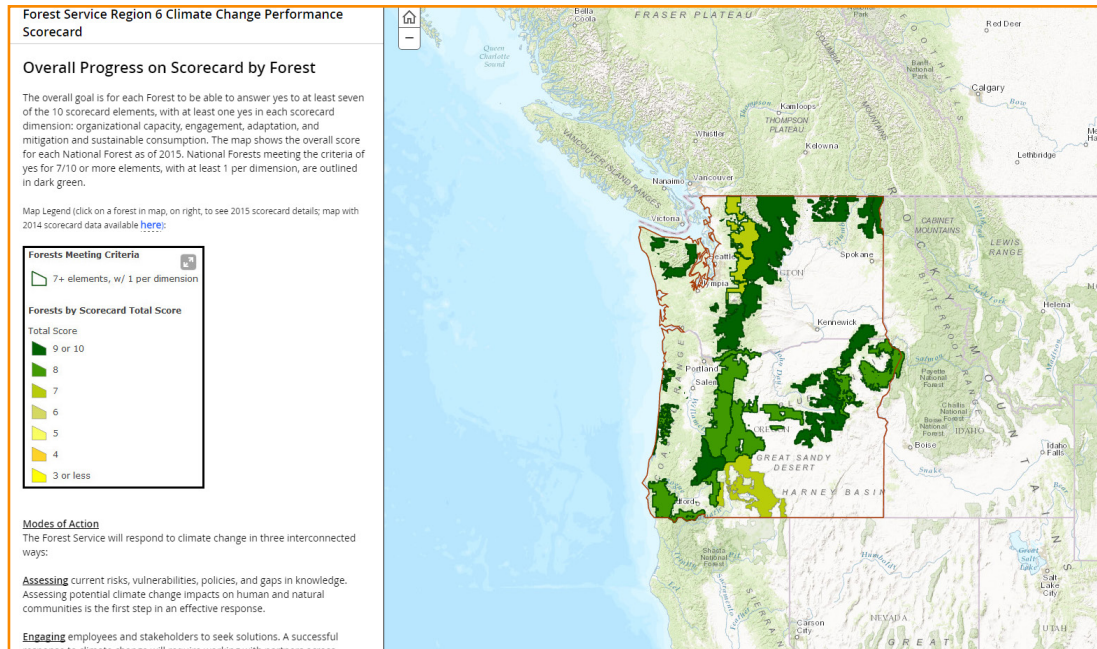
The first five years of Scorecard responses demonstrate sustained progress in each Roadmap Dimension across the National Forest System.



► What's Next?

The Climate Change Scorecard Interactive Map (COMING IN 2016!)

The Climate Change Scorecard interactive map will allow users to view the Performance Scorecard results nationally, regionally, and by individual forest or grassland.



SPOTlight

In FY15, 12 out of 17 Units in R6 answered "Yes" on Element 10, doubling the affirmative responses in one year. In R4, all units have identified a climate change coordinator (element 2) and a sustainable operations green team lead. Since August 2014, the region has hosted a one-hour monthly Web-based Sustainability Forum (element 1).



Developing the New Scorecard, or Scorecard 2.0

The OSCC is conducting outreach across the agency to obtain feedback on the original Scorecard and suggestions on the structure and content of the next iteration. In response to this feedback, the OSCC developed a set of three potential alternatives, Action-Oriented, Outcome-Oriented, and Program-Oriented. The OSCC is currently refining this proposal and interdisciplinary working groups will convene in early 2016 to develop the substantive content of Scorecard 2.0, and refine the detailed implementation guidance.

