Climate Change Response Program Communications Corner





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A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



Although it's been tough to socialize lately, chances are you've been hanging out with tiger royalty, Leslie Knope, Slippin' Jimmy, Troy and Abed in the morning, and other friends of the family. No one here will shame you for your increased TV and movie consumption, but you will be shamed for not checking out what the Climate Change Response Program has to offer:

- Why not watch our artist friend Karina create watercolor art for <u>illustrated national</u> <u>park climate change stories</u>?
- Why not spend time with high school students <u>camping for their first time</u> in Sequoia or <u>spending three days</u> at Cape Cod and Indiana Dunes?
- Why not follow scientists as they investigate in-depth the <u>impacts of climate</u> <u>change on our parks</u>?
- Why not meet park rangers from <u>New York</u> to <u>Joshua Tree</u> as they help their parks study and <u>respond to climate change?</u>

Why not <u>hang out with our past summer interns</u> as they <u>studied</u> <u>pikas</u>, <u>investigated coral reefs</u>, and protected historic sites?

And that's just the tip of the iceberg! View <u>all videos</u> and <u>all playlists</u> on the NPS Climate Change Response YouTube channel to find your next Liz Lemon or Jim Halpert.

Live Online Training: Vulnerability Assessments & Taking Climate Actions



Assateague Island National Seashore uses moveable facilities to provide visitor services in light of anticipated climate impacts.

The Association of Climate Change Officers will present two sessions to build capacity for climate change preparedness across NPS facilities management divisions through two online training programs:

Part 1: Fundamentals of Climate Science & Implications on NPS Facilities

May 28, 2020 (2:00pm - 4:30pm eastern)

Part 2: Conducting Vulnerability Assessments & Prioritizing Preparedness Actions

June 18, 2020 (2:00pm - 4:30pm eastern)

Participation in these sessions is <u>free of charge</u> for NPS employees, cooperators, and volunteers. For additional information and registration visit <u>the ACCO website</u>.

Wildland Fire Strategic Plan Released



In April, the National Park Service Fire Management Leadership Board (FMLB) released the *Wildland Fire Strategic Plan:* 2020-2024. The plan describes what the FMLB considers the best course of action to meet the NPS mission and support Department of the Interior priorities over the next five years.

Among the key assumptions that anchor the plan is that climate change--along with increasing visitation and an expansion of the wildland urban interface --will increase the complexity of managing wildfire. Accordingly, the impact of climate change is considered throughout, most notably in Desired Outcome 3A: Keeping Up with a Changing Climate.

TELEWORKING? Take Some On-Demand Training!



The Climate Change Response Program invites interested NPS employees, contractors, and volunteers to enjoy unlimited access to the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) <u>library of on-demand and live online training</u> FREE for two full years. 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.









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