

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN & SCORECARD



Our Climate Journey

- **Climate Roadmap (2009)** – charting a path forward
- **Climate Scorecard (2010-2016)** – creating capacity and educating
- **OIG Review with key findings (2016)**– improve accountability and outcomes
- **Sustainability Action Plan and Scorecard (2018)** – climate actions and outcomes towards a sustainable future



Framework for Sustainability

Sustain our Nation's Forests and Grasslands
Vulnerability
Adaptation
Monitoring

Excel as a High-Performing Agency
Leadership and Accountability
Guidance, Policy, Planning, Tools & Data
Sustainable Operations

**FS RESPONSE TO
BUILDING RESILIENT
LANDSCAPES**

Deliver Benefits to the Public
Carbon Stewardship
Water Stewardship
Partnerships

Learn & Apply Knowledge
Training
Adaptation Learning Network

Sustainability Action Plan

- Provides a framework for taking action to reduce climate impacts and adapt our work and landscapes to be sustainable
- Aligns with Shared Stewardship plan and priorities
- Aligns with priority actions to reduce risks to forests through use of timber contracts, hazardous fuel reduction, and stewardship contracts
- Aligns with innovative financing and partnership priorities



How was the Sustainability Action Plan developed?

- Uses the Forest Service Strategic Plan as foundation
- Uses 70 – 75% of content developed for the Climate Action Card
- Incorporates information from guidance developed by OSC and Climate Coordinators on developing and using climate vulnerability assessments
- Water element and Partnership element developed in collaboration with WFWARP and NPO
- Forest carbon element developed in collaboration with R&D and EMC
- Drafted July 2018; reviewed by mix of field and WO staff



How do we rate our progress?

- Use a standard scorecard approach (SCORECARD)
- Use an evidence based approach. Reduces reporting burden.
- Scored by independent panel across WO staff using a four point system (red, orange, yellow, green)
- Goal will be to score an average of yellow across all elements in five years.
- Allows differentiation across Regions to align with regional priorities.



How do we rate our progress?

- Unit reporting will only be required for Cornerstone elements (similar to what we have asked in 2017 and 2018)
- Templates will be provided and units can file in a common box folder.
- Unit information will be used in the evidence based approach as data and as case projects for the learning network.



Cornerstone Elements

VULNERABILITY ADAPTATION MONITORING

1. *Vulnerability – focuses on developing vulnerability assessments*
2. *Adaptation – focuses on integrating vulnerability information into forest plans, projects and programs*
3. *Monitoring – focuses on assessing the effects of climate change on resources*



More Information

- **Implementation:**
 - Pilot – FY19 (interested regions/units to pilot effort)
 - Full Implementation – FY2020
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