## North Cascadia Adaptation Partnership:

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## North Cascadia Adaptation Partnership

Forest Service – National Park Service collaboration to increase climate change awareness and facilitate adaptation on parks and forests.



#### Core Team

USFS, PNW Station



National Park Service



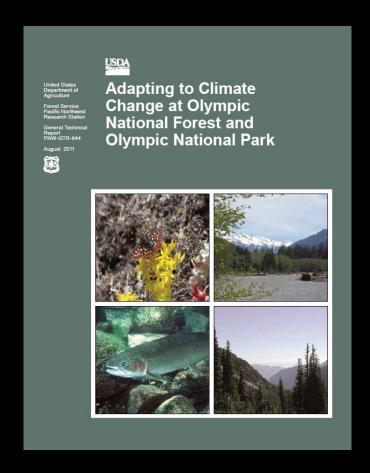
Climate Impacts Group

## **Olympic Climate Change Case Study**

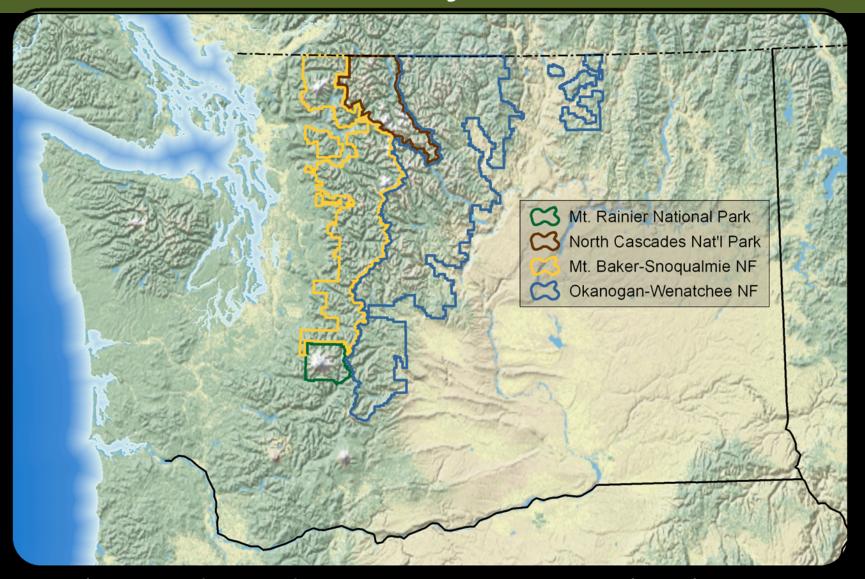


## **Olympic Case Study Report**

http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw\_gtr844.pdf



## **NCAP Project Area**



North Cascades and Mount Rainier National Parks Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanogan Wenatchee NFs

#### **NCAP Process Overview**

#### 1. Education

Increase climate change awareness with park and forest staff.

# 2. Vulnerability Assessment

Review climate projections and identify resource sensitivities.

# 3. Adaptation Planning

Develop science-based adaptation options.

#### 4. Implementation

Incorporate adaptation strategies into existing management plans.

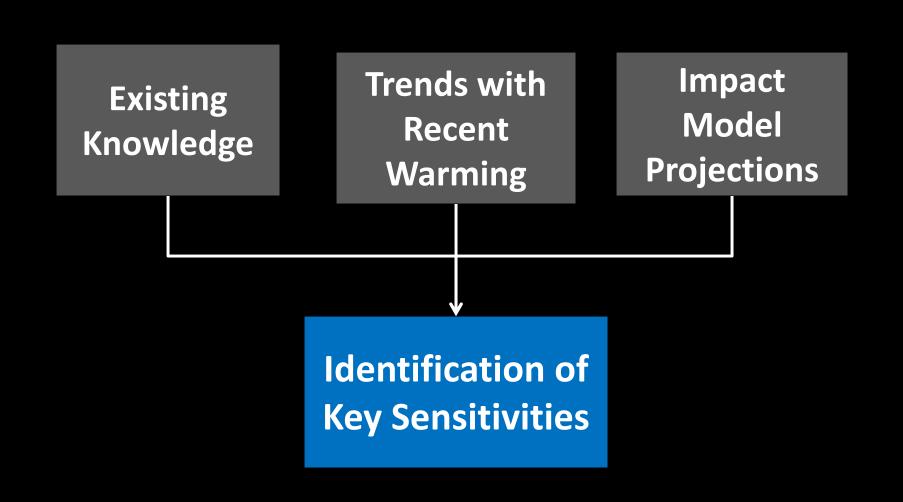
### **Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation**

#### **Resource Sector Focus Areas**

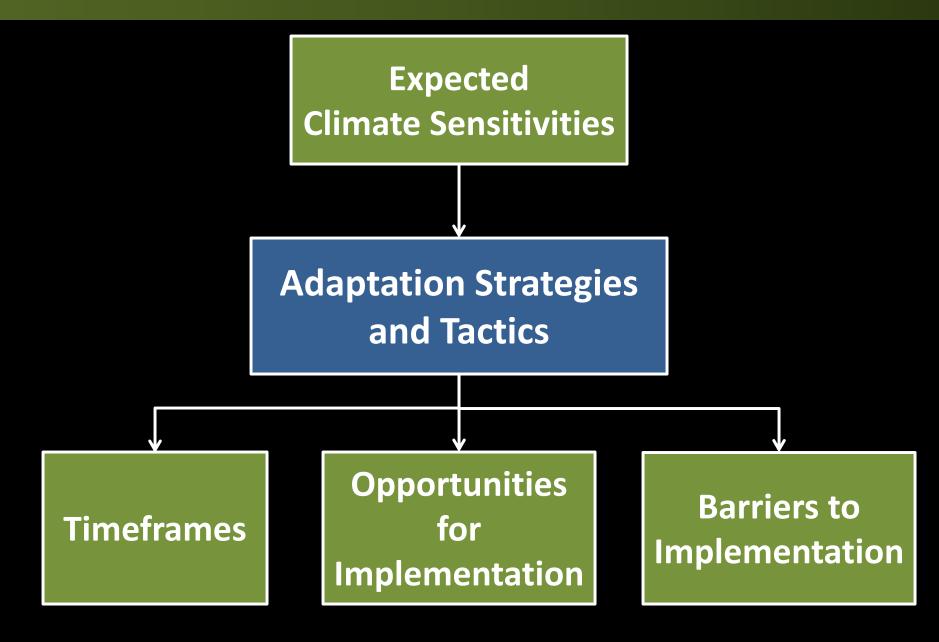
- Fish and fish habitat (July 27 − 28)
- ◆ Vegetation and ecological disturbances (Nov. 7 8)
- Hydrology and access (Nov. 30 Dec. 1)
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat (Jan. 30-31, 2012)



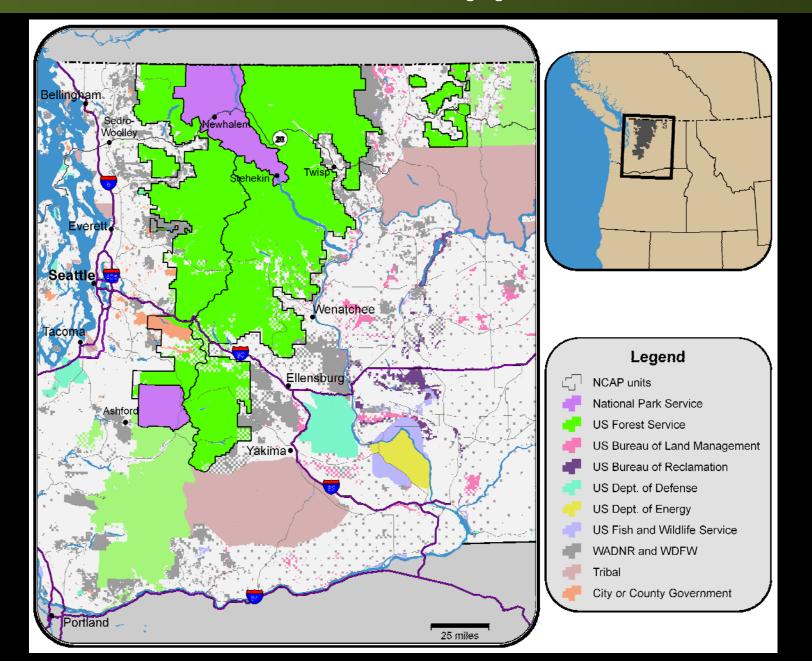
## **Vulnerability Assessment**



## **Adaptation Planning**



## **All-Lands Approach**



# Forest Service Scorecard

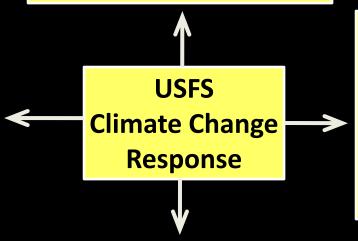
# Organizational Capacity

- 1. Employee education
- 2. Designated climate change coordinators
- 3. Program guidance



## Mitigation and Sustainable Consumption

- Carbon assessment and stewardship
- 10. Sustainable operations



#### **Engagement**

- 4. Integrate science and management
- 5. Other partnerships`

\* To be completed annually by each National Forest and Grassland.

#### **Adaptation**

- 6. Assessing vulnerability
- 7. Adaptation actions
- 8. Monitoring



## **NPS Climate Change Response Program**



• <u>Science</u>: develop and apply the best available climate change science.



 Adaptation: incorporate climate change responses in all levels of planning.



 Communication: distribute climate change knowledge internally and externally.



 Mitigation: limit GHG emissions and incorporate mitigation practices.