



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TRIBAL FORUM

July 12, 2023

1:00 PM ET

Online ZoomGov Meeting

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- 1. ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING:
CLIMATE RESILIENT FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS**
- 2. SECRETARIAL MEMO 1077-004: CLIMATE
RESILIENCE AND CARBON STEWARDSHIP**
- 3. EXECUTIVE ORDER 14072: STRENGTHENING
THE NATION'S FORESTS, COMMUNITIES, AND LOCAL
ECONOMIES**

USDA Forest Service National Forest System representatives will spend approximately 1 hour sharing information on the solicitations for feedback and then will be available to discuss all topics during the combined Tribal forum.

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1. ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: CLIMATE RESILIENT FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS

The USDA Forest Service issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and is seeking input from Tribes on how we can adapt our current policies and practices to protect, conserve, and manage the national forests and grasslands for climate resilience, so that the Agency can provide for ecological integrity and support social and economic sustainability over time? The agency is continually learning and improving by engaging people in conserving forests and grasslands under the threat of loss due to climate change.

The Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is consistent with implementation of:

- Section 2 of Executive Order 14072, Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies
- Secretary Vilsack's Memo 1077-004, Climate Resilience and Carbon Stewardship of America's National Forests and Grasslands
- USDA Forest Service's [Wildfire Crisis Strategy](#) and [Climate Adaptation Plan](#)

The Forest Service will initiate consultation after the collaborative Tribal Forum.

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2. SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1077-004: CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND CARBON STEWARDSHIP OF AMERICA'S NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS

The [Secretary of Agriculture's Memorandum No. 1077-004: Climate Resilience and Carbon Stewardship of America's National Forests and Grasslands](#), directed the Forest Service to take a range of responsive actions to respond to these challenges. In response, the Forest Service is developing data-informed tools, strategies, policy recommendations, and systems for accountability.

The Secretary's memo directs the Forest Service to develop:

- Data informed tools for climate-informed forest management
- Policy recommendations for advancing climate resilient management and carbon stewardship

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3. EXECUTIVE ORDER 14072: STRENGTHENING THE NATION'S FORESTS, COMMUNITIES, AND LOCAL ECONOMIES

[Executive Order 14072 on Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies](#) directs the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to jointly pursue wildfire mitigation strategies, define and inventory mature and old-growth forests on Federal lands, use inventory results to inform conservation and wildfire risk reduction activities, and develop goals to meet agency-specific restoration targets by 2030. Forest Service has since developed an [inventory of Mature and Old Growth Forests on National Forest System lands](#).

The Forest Service:

- Is analyzing threats to mature and old-growth forests to support policy development to reduce those threats and foster climate resilience
- Hosted a [Tribal forum](#) about implementation of section 2 of the Executive Order on July 20, 2022
- Distributed the [consultation package](#) in December 2022 and continues to consult on implementation of the Executive Order
- Is providing an update on the status of implementation of the actions identified in the Executive Order

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