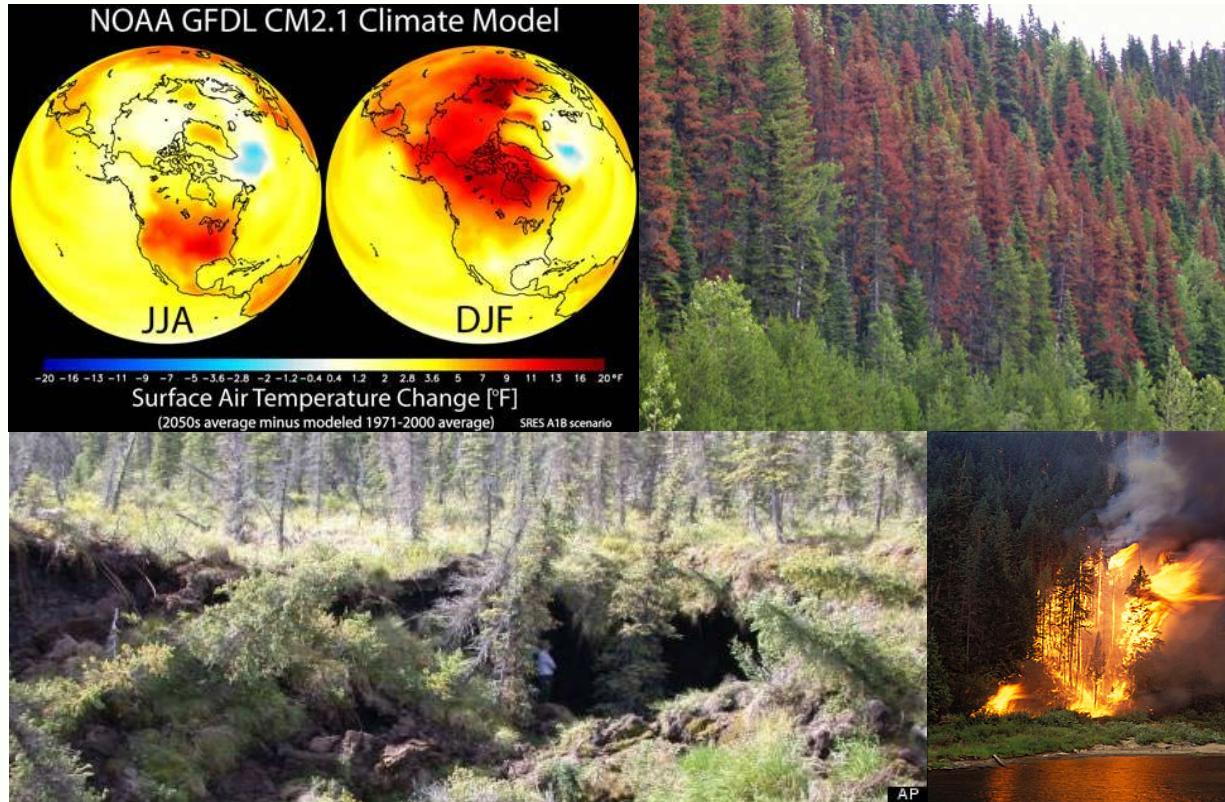
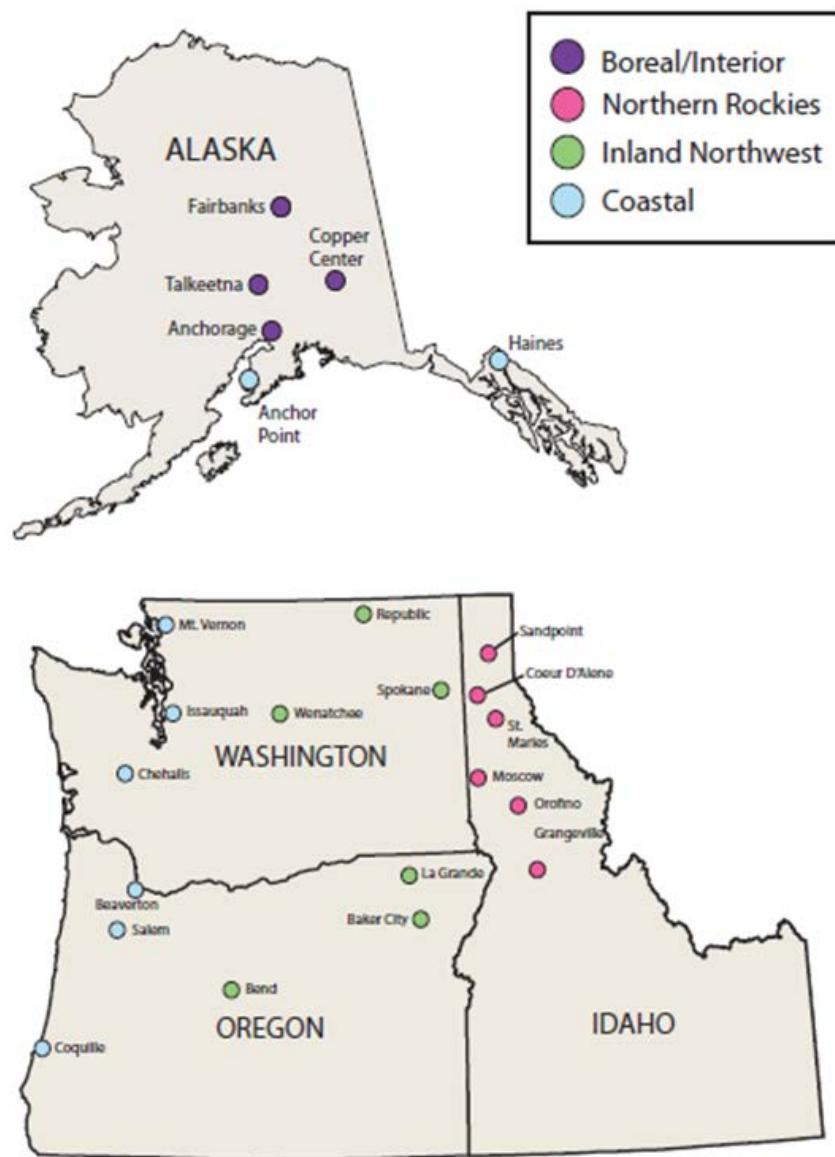


Family Forest Owners and Climate Change

Understanding, Attitudes, and Educational Needs



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Primary Issues

- Information about climate change comes from the media, the scientific community, and from trusted individuals that are known personally.
- Some distrust in what they hear from the scientific community
- Most landowners do not think climate change is impacting their forests yet (exception: Alaska)
- Little or no changes in forest management practices because of climate change
- Landowners want practical, locally relevant data and management advice

Landowners' time horizon ≠ climate change time scale

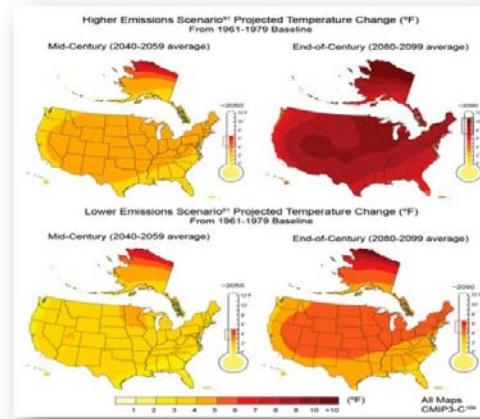


Management
or ownership
horizon

PCT Timber
 harvest replant transfer

Near term

Long time from now



Recommendations for extension programming

- Transparency
- Local frame of reference
- Understanding modeling and uncertainty
- Adapting forest management to climate change
- Programming on forest policy



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