

USDA Northwest Climate Hub

The mission of the Northwest Climate Hub is to serve Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington by delivering science-based, region-specific technologies and practical information that will assist with climate-informed decision making on working lands. Our goals are to provide information and technology to guide climate-informed decision making by farmers, ranchers, forest landowners, Native American tribes, Alaska Natives, natural resource managers, communities, and technology transfer specialists to promote sustainable and productive working landscapes in the Northwest.

Current Priorities

- Support sustainable transformation through science-based information, trainings, and peer-to-peer learning networks across diverse groups to increase adoption and application of climate-smart practices, mitigation technologies, and carbon sequestration on working lands.
- Work with tribal nations and Alaska Natives to incorporate the use of traditional knowledge in adaptation and mitigation actions.
- Co-create demonstrations and economic case studies that showcase real-world examples of how farmers, ranchers, forest landowners, and land managers adapt to climate change while meeting their goals.
- Implement adaptive silviculture and post-fire reforestation that considers climate change.
- Identify climate literacy training needs and develop curriculum for extension, including curriculum on environmental justice and equity issues.

Collaborations and letters of support

For members of the USDA Northwest Climate Hub to collaborate on a proposed project for the USDA NIFA AFRI Extension, Education & USDA Climate Hubs Partnership request for applications (RFA), the proposal must:

- 1) Directly involve the USDA Climate Hub mission
- 2) Include the Northwest Climate Hub early in the proposal development
- 3) Clearly outline roles and expectations of the Northwest Climate Hub
- 4) Demonstrate how funds will support a liaison between the project and Hub

Due to federal regulation, [5 CFR 2635.702 \(b\)](#), members of the USDA Northwest Climate Hub can *only* write letters of collaboration, which state our commitment to working on the project if funded. These letters can only state facts, not opinions on project validity or value. USDA staff may not write letters of endorsement of any organization, product, service, or enterprise.

Early involvement in proposal develop process

To initiate a collaboration with the Northwest Climate Hub on a NIFA proposal, please send a draft letter of intent by **1 May 2022** to Jessica Halofsky, Northwest Climate Hub Director at Jessica.Halofsky@usda.gov. This letter should state how the proposal connects to the above-listed priorities and collaboration guidelines.

For more information, see USDA Climate Hub's [National factsheet](#) and [USDA Climate Hubs Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#)