Connect, Collaborate, and Conserve
In an Era of Changing Landscapes:
An Interactive Training on
State Wildlife Action Plans

June 4-6, 2013
National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
Hosted by National Wildlife Federation, Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, & US Fish and Wildlife Service

June 4th: State Wildlife Action Plans: An essential tool for landscape planning

Inspire & enable State Wildlife Action Plans to act as a foundation for landscape level conservation

6:30-8:30	**Breakfast**	
8:30-8:40	**Welcome**	Naomi Edelson, National Wildlife Federation
8:40-9:00	**Keynote:** State Wildlife Action Plans serving as the nation's blueprint to prevent wildlife from becoming endangered	Mary Pfaffko, Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
Prioritizing species & actions using a consistent protocol to enable landscape-level collaboration		
9:00-9:30	Why Prioritize? Best practices for prioritizing species & actions Overview of Idaho's online tool for prioritization	Rita Dixon, ID Fish & Game
9:30-10:30	Regional Breakout Groups • Introductions & status of prioritization process in your state • Identify partners in your state & region (1. Partners with whom you've had effective plan partnerships, 2. Partners who would be critical to plan success but you've had obstacles accessing) • Prioritizing species and conservation actions in your state • Identifying & overcoming barriers to prioritization in your state • Identify next steps (reach out to other partners, regional prioritization, etc.)	
10:30-10:45	**Break**	
10:45-11:00	Regional Report-backs on Next Steps	Rita Dixon, ID Fish & Game
Making the Wildlife Action Plans relevant to mitigation & restoration		
11:00 -11:45	• Conservation through mitigation • How plans guide mitigation/restoration priorities & expenditures • Case study: mapping restoration areas in Tennessee to guide conservation decisions	Jessica Wilkinson, TNC Joey Wisby, TNC
11:45-1:00	**Lunch** (Optional tables on "getting started on action plan revision," "state/DoD partnership," and "Invasive species" – reserved tables at back of cafeteria)	
Tools for Wildlife Action Plans to do landscape-level conservation		

1:00-1:45	Regionalizing Wildlife Action Plans: Case Study—Northeast • Regionalizing species of greatest conservation need & habitat classification • Working across boundaries: Relative condition of species & habitats • Northeast Synthesis & Common Lexicon	John Kanter, NH Fish & Game Steve Fuller, NA LCC Karen Terwilliger, Terwilliger Consulting, Inc.
1:45-2:45	Regional Breakout Groups • Introductions & status/tools for the maps in your plan • Identify spatial products needed in the region • Identify existing regional spatial products • Identify and overcome barriers to regionalizing maps • Identify a regionally consistent system for identifying restoration potential • Identify next steps	
2:45-3:00	Break	
3:00-3:30	Regional Report-backs on Next Steps	Mary Pfaffko, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
3:30-4:00	Making plans more accessible to enable landscape-level conservation • What do we mean by "Web-enabling Wildlife Action Plans?" • Case studies: Idaho & California • Examples of technology that can support this (e.g., Miradi Share, links to Wildlife TRACS)	Rita Dixon, ID Fish & Game Nick Salafsky, Foundations of Success
4:00-5:00	Define web-enabling Wildlife Action Plans Gather feedback on what states need in a web-enabling tool What can we do collectively to move this forward?	Rita Dixon, ID Fish & Game Nick Salafsky, Foundations of Success
5:00-?	Optional Breakout Groups to continue discussions over drinks/dinner • Regional groups • Web-enabling plans • Federal endangered species initiative in the Southwest	Mary Pfaffko, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
5:30-7:30	**Dinner**	

June 5th: Conservation in the Face of Climate Change

Strengthening wildlife action plans to address a changing climate

6:30-8:30	**Breakfast**	
8:30-9:00	**Keynote: Strengthening wildlife action plans to address a changing climate**	Mark Shaffer, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Revising State Wildlife Action Plans for Climate Change		
9:00-9:20	Managing for Change, Not just Persistence	Bruce Stein, NWF

9:20-10:20	State Wildlife Action Plans Case Studies • Lessons Learned	Jon Sjoberg, NV Dept of Wildlife Andrea Alden, FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Lynn Helbrecht, WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife
10:20-10:35	Break	
10:35-10:50	Climate Science Centers: A Resource for States	Doug Beard, USGS
Conducting and implementing vulnerability assessments		
10:50-12:00	Vulnerability Assessments: Overview and Panel	*Patty Glick, NWF* *Hector Galbraith, NWF* *John Alexander, Klamath Bird Observatory & Partners in Flight* *Laura Thompson, DOI Database* *Elizabeth Byers, WV DNR* *Chris Burkett, VA Fish and Game*
12:00-1:00	**Lunch** (optional table on "getting started on climate change in your action plan" – reserved tables at back of cafeteria)	
From assessment to action: Building climate adaptation into wildlife action plans		
1:00-2:00	Vulnerability Assessment Tools Café (30 minutes each repeated) • NatureServe CCVI Index • Habitat Assessments • Partners in Flight • Climate Envelope Model	Same as panel above NatureServe CCVI Index: Room 109IE
1:00-2:00	Federal Agency Partnerships (Element 7): Implementing the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy	BLM, US Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, USGS, EPA
2:00-3:15	Overview: Identifying Adaptation Actions: Case Studies from New Hampshire, New York and Delaware	Emily Preston, NH Game and Fish Chris Hilke, NWF/ NY Rob Hossler, DE Div of Fish & Wildlife
3:15-3:30	Break	
3:30-4:40	Assessment to Action Regional Breakout Groups	
4:40-5:00	Monitoring a Changing Climate	Jonathan Mawdsley, Heinz Center
5:30-7:30	**Dinner**	

June 6th: Building Public Support

Enhance strategic public outreach and build more effective coalitions to influence political will to secure support for action, including greater funding

6:30-8:30	**Breakfast**	
8:30-9:00	**Keynote:** Building the Conservation Movement for the 21st Century	Naomi Edelson, National Wildlife Federation
Communicating, Campaigning, and Coalition Building to Win!		

9:00-10:00	Public Input (Element 8): Best Practices Stakeholder Meetings Case Study Coalition Building Exercise	Katy Reeder, IA DNR Cindy Carr, NC Wildlife Resources Comm. Naomi Edelson, NWF
10:00-10:20	Current Fiscal Times	Tomer Hasson, OMB (invited)
10:20:-10:40	Break	
10:40-11:40	Polling on State Wildlife Action Plans and recent conservation initiatives	Lori Weigel, Public Opinion Strategies Dave Metz, Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates
11:40-12:00	Communicating about Climate Change	Amanda Staudt, NWF
12:00-1:00	**Lunch** (optional table on coalition building)	
Building Public Input with the RIGHT messages (what works!)		
1:00-1:30	State Funding Initiatives	Andy Tuck, TNC
1:30-4:30	Communicating Action Plans Training	Martin Hamburger and Sarah Mcreary, Hamburger Company
4:30-5:00	Closing	Naomi Edelson, National Wildlife Federation Mary Pfaffko, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
5:30-7:30	**Dinner**	

June 7th

6:00	**First shuttle leaves NCTC for Dulles**
6:30-8:30	**Breakfast**
8:00	**Second shuttle leaves NCTC for Dulles**
11:30-1:30	**Lunch**