BACKGROUND:
The Wisconsin County Forests Association and the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS, www.forestadaptation.org) are hosting two workshops to help county forests meet the new “Climate-Smart Forestry” expectations in the updated Forest Management Standards for both SFI and FSC. These workshops are an opportunity to learn about climate change impacts, discuss practical adaptation actions with your peers, and develop plans that will help address certification requirements. Participation is required to maintain certification.

OUTCOMES:
At this workshop, participants will:
- Review regional climate trends and forest impacts.
- Identify and prioritize climate change risks for individual cover types on your county forest.
- Develop practical adaptation actions to address expected impacts.
- Consider the forest carbon implications of proposed adaptation actions.

Through these discussions and post-workshop support, counties will be able to develop a custom climate adaptation plan that can function as a stand-alone document or as an amendment to the county forest management plan.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE:
This workshop is intended for county forest staff. Counties are encouraged to bring a small team (2-4 people) to the workshop, and counties may choose to invite close partners such as DNR Liaisons, Land + Water staff, or NRCS staff to participate.

WHEN & WHERE?
Two Workshop Options: (register for one date, not both)
- **February 7, 2023:** Lincoln County Service Center, Merrill, WI
- **February 8, 2023:** Flat Creek Lodge, Hayward, WI

Workshop schedule: 8:00am to 4:30pm each day

REGISTRATION
Please register by January 10:
[www.forestadaptation.org/wcfa_workshop]

QUESTIONS
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