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Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force 2010 Progress Report

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Outline

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The Climate Change Adaptation Task Force

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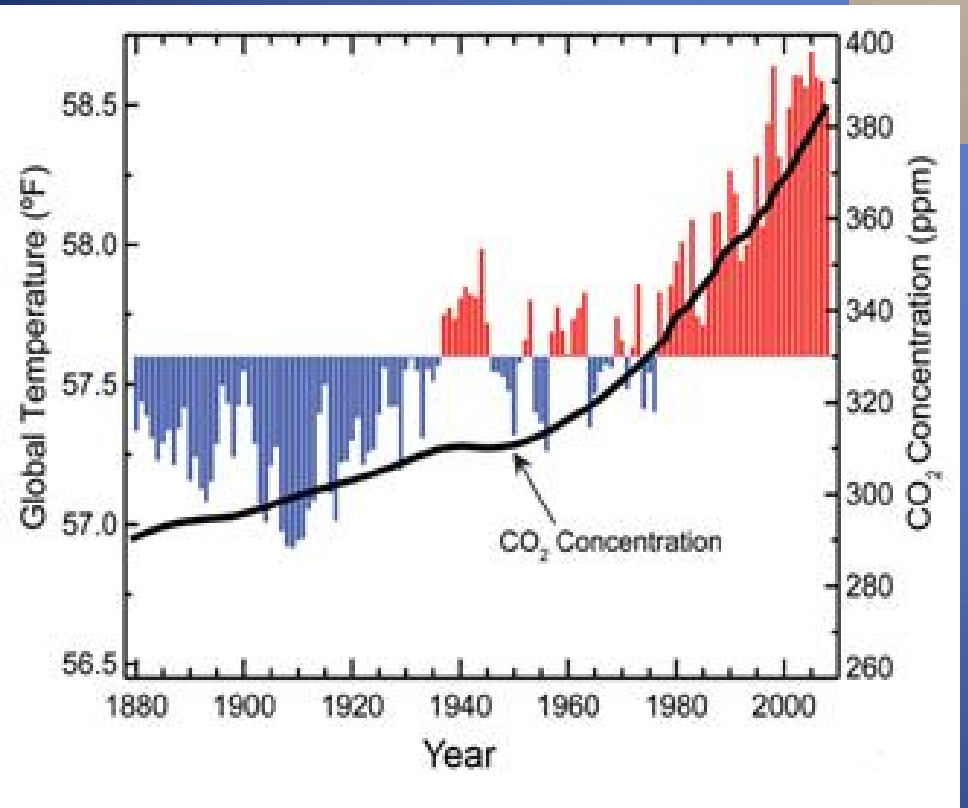
Global Temperature (°F)
58.5
58.0
57.5
57.0
56.5
400
380
360
340
320
300
280
260
CO_2 Concentration (ppm)
CO_2 Concentration
1880
1900
1920
1940
1960
1980
2000
Year

Role of the Federal Government in Adaptation . . .

- Work with state, local & Tribal governments, NGOs, private sector
- Provide information & tools to decision makers
- Minimize climate impacts to Federal services, operations & assets

Themes from Public Outreach….

- Broader stakeholder engagement
- Improved coordination between all levels of govn't
- Sustained funding for state/local adaptation
- Improved accessibility to science
- More Federal guidance and leadership
- Review existing regulations and policies
- Ecosystem based approaches

Guiding Principles

1. Adopt Integrated Approaches
2. Prioritize the Most Vulnerable
3. Use Best-Available Science
4. Build Strong Partnerships
5. Apply Risk-Management Methods and Tools
6. Apply Ecosystem-based Approaches
7. Maximize Mutual Benefits
8. Continuously Evaluate Performance

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Next Steps . . .

- Implementing instructions for Agency planning
- Online data and information clearinghouse
- Planning for cross-cutting adaptation issues
- Regional consortia & partnerships
- 2011 Progress Report

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http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/adaptation

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