Video and Activity 2: "Climate and Forests"

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Activity: Discussion in Small Groups

Ask your coworkers to divide into small groups of 3 or 4, depending on the group size. Project the questions onto a screen or write them up on a board for the group. Ask the group to take 15 minutes to discuss the following prompts.

- 1. What are your concerns relating to forest resource management in your work?
- 2. How would these forest resource management issues be magnified by climate change?
- 3. If you have had discussions with other departments about planning for climate change impacts related to forests, how did they go? Were there obstacles to these discussions? What were they?
- 4. Cultural practices like canoe making, maple sugaring, and black ash basket making are dependent on specific tree species such as paper birch, sugar maple, and black ash. The abundance of these species in our forests are projected to decrease due to a warming climate to be replaced by new species. How can Tribes adapt to these changes in forest species and maintain these cultural practices?

After 15 minutes, bring the group back together and invite the group to share main points from their small group discussion with the entire group.

Optional: Share these answers on the Facilitator' Google doc under Discussion questions.