

NESP Digest

The Newsletter of the National Ecosystem Services Partnership Winter 2012

Welcome to the NESP Digest!

This is the quarterly newsletter of the **National Ecosystem Services Partnership (NESP)**, which provides updates on our recent activities as well as some other information on ecosystem services that we hope you'll find useful.

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NESP News and Updates

A Community on Ecosystem Services Conference

NESP will be hosting three special sessions, with the support of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, at the upcoming [ACES \(A Community on Ecosystem Services\)](#) conference Dec. 10-14:

1. *The use of ecosystem services in state-level planning and decision making*, Dec. 12, 12:15-1:20 p.m.
2. *The use of ecosystem services in international government planning and decision making*, Dec. 12, 1:30-3:15 p.m.
3. *NESP update: Coordinating Ecosystem Services Approaches across Federal Agencies*, Dec. 13, 12:15-1:20 p.m.

***Note:** Among a wealth of great sessions and topics at the upcoming ACES meeting, another session of particular note for the NESP community is a town hall meeting on *A Response to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) Report on Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity*, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Ecosystem Services in Federal Resource Management Project Gaining Momentum

For the next two years, NESP members will work alongside federal natural resource managers in support of a shared learning and methods-development process for ecosystem services evaluation in federal resource planning and management. This will involve delving into specific applications of ecosystem services the agencies are pursuing, developing a new community of practice across agencies with engagement from academic experts and practitioners. All these activities will lead to the development of foundational guidance materials designed to make ecosystem services approaches to planning and management more routine and tractable for resource managers. It will also pull together methods that have comparability and credibility across agency applications.

Partners in this work include Duke University, Resources for the Future, Sally Collins LLC, USFS, USDA OEM, USGS, NOAA, BLM, Defenders of Wildlife, NatureServe, and others. This project is supported by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the National Center on Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center and in-kind support from partner agencies.

For more information on this project, visit [our website](#).

Colorado Ecosystem Services Partnership

Colorado is just forming the Colorado Ecosystem Services Partnership with the goal in mind to enrich the dialogue on ecosystem services in the state, advance project work through better coordination of efforts, and develop some policy proposals that could deepen the commitment in the state to this work. For more information, contact: Kate Hamilton KHamilton@forest-trends.org

Ecosystem Services in the News

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Selected Recent Papers and Reports

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

December 10-14, 2012: [Aces and Ecosystem Markets 2012](#), Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

August 27-31, 2013: [6th Annual Ecosystem Services Partnership Conference](#), Bali, Indonesia.

Grants and Job Opportunities

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