

Interior awards \$7M for climate science research

The Department of the Interior announced that it will award an additional \$7 million in funding for climate change research. The grants, which are managed by eight regional Climate Science Centers, will fund 50 new research projects at universities and other partners for research. Projects include: determining species, habitats and ecosystems most vulnerable to climate change and ways to make them more resilient; projecting climate change effects on stream flow and fish in different parts of the country; building science-based models to help land managers in different regions better focus their efforts; informing coastal conservation and restoration in the northern Gulf of Mexico; and studying issues such as fire and climate change, sea-level rise, coastal change, and effects of drought on fish and wildlife. This effort is part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan to mitigate and prepare for climate change impacts.

Sources: USGS, DOI
