Federal Climate Change Legislation: Protecting Natural Resources for Wildlife and People



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How Cap and Trade Can Protect Natural Resources Threatened by Climate Change

- Caps on GHGEmissions by Industry
- \$ to Help Reduce GHGs Thru Land Use Changes:
 - Sequestration
- \$ to Address Inevitable Warming: Adaptation



CLIMATE SECURITY ACT

- 2 Percent Annual Reductions in GHGs
- Investment in U.S. Forests and Soils Sequestration: \$115B Through 2030
- Investment in U.S. Natural Resources
 Adaptation: \$137B Through 2030



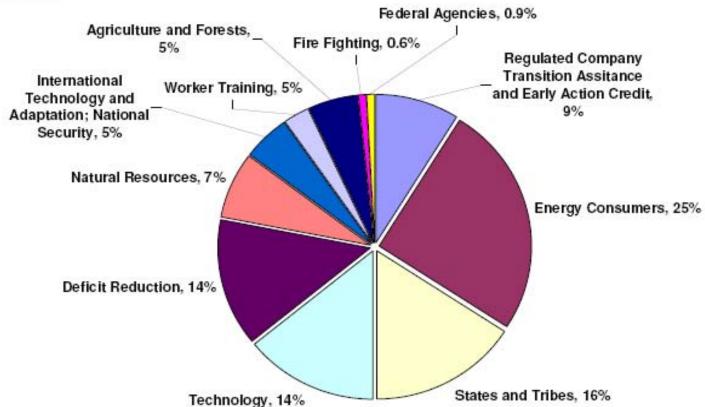
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- 0.5 Percent Annual Reductions in GHGs
- <u>Sequestration</u>: No Allowance Value Set Aside; Potential Offsets
- Adaptation: No Allowance Value Set Aside Under 3 of 4 Options; "Option C" Provides Significantly Less Value than CSA





Climate Security Act: Allowance Distribution Percent of Total Value, 2012-2050 Boxer-Warner-Lieberman Substitute Amendment May 31, 2008



Note: Allowance Prices Based on EPA Analysis, Scenario 10

HOW CSA ALLOCATES NATURAL RESOURCE ADAPTATION FUNDS

• DOI: 26 %

• USFS: 11 %

• EPA: 6%

• Corps: 7 %

• NOAA: 8 %

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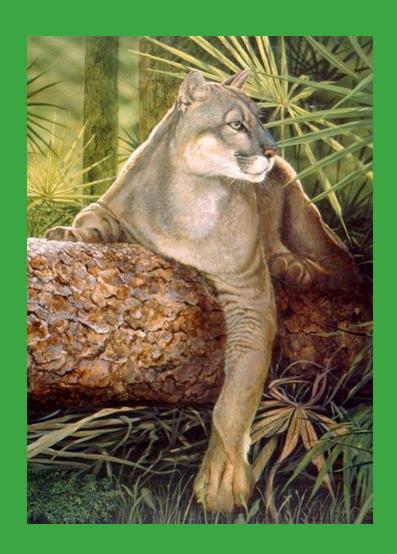
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Tribes: 1 %



Activities Eligible for CSA Adaptation Funds

- Adaptation Activities =
 Helping Species,
 Habitats, Ecosystems,
 and Ecological Processes
 Survive Climate Change
 and Ocean Acidification
- Consistent with a National or State
 Adaptation Strategy.
 Integrated with State
 Wildlife Action Plans.



Mechanisms for Distributing Conservation Dollars

Sequestration: Ag Dep't and EPA set eligibility rules. Models include Chicago Climate Exchange, RGGI.

Adaptation: Multiple federal and state agencies receive funds and set rules for regrants. No models yet established.



What Does Adaptation Really Mean on the Ground?

- Habitat Acquisition and Restoration
- Water Conservation and Pollution Prevention
- Wildlife Management
- All Informed by Climate and Ecological Modeling
- Scientific Research and Monitoring
- Public Education and Outreach



Key Challenges in the Campaign to Secure Large-Scale Dedicated Funding

- Lack of Awareness and Engagement by Key Constituencies
- No Consensus on What Adaptation Looks Like (or Costs)
- Competition From Other Legitimate Claimants
- Competition From Tax Cuts and Consumer Rebates





Historic Opportunity to Secure Large-Scale Dedicated Funding in Next 2 Years

Key Elements of Campaign:

- Craft Agenda for New Administration and Congress
- Develop Models at State/ Regional Levels
- Massive Outreach & Engagement
- Sophisticated Communications
- Reinvent Conservation!



