

EARTH TO SKY INTERPRETING CLIMATE CHANGE STARTER KIT

Pre-course Interview Assignment – Climate Change at Your Site

In preparation for attending the Earth to Sky course, please schedule a time to talk (in person or by phone) with someone who can help inform or broaden your understanding of the climate change issues or stories, actual or potential, at your site. This might be your natural or cultural resource specialist/manager, your site manager, a scientist or researcher affiliated with your site or region, your chief of interpretation, or someone in your park's Inventory and Monitoring Network. Use or modify the interview questions below to help get your conversation started. Take notes and be prepared to share some of your insights with your Earth to Sky classmates.

Name of Interviewee _____

Position or Title _____

Are there any current or immediate threats to our site's resources due to – or potentially exacerbated by – changing climate? How do we know?

Are there potential future threats to our site's resources due to climate change? What are the possible scenarios? How will this change the visitor experience?

Does our site have a plan or strategy for dealing with resource issues related to climate change? What are the things we're currently doing or planning to do by way of mitigation, adaptation and communication?

Besides actual threats to resources, are there other ways our site's stories are linked or could be linked to interpreting/educating about climate change? (economic, social, political issues, how society has dealt with change in the past, etc)

What references and information sources do you currently use or could you recommend to help me better understand the local impacts or potential story connections at our site?

In your opinion, what is most important for staff at our site to communicate to the public about climate change?