

## Welcome: Appalachian LCC's Conservation Priorities Science Needs Workshop

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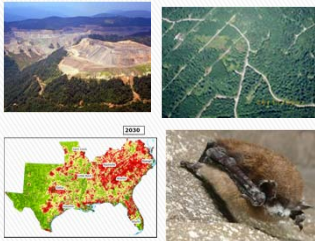
## Appalachia is Blessed

» Our forests and rivers provide the country with an abundance of wildlife, habitats, economic resources and recreational opportunities.



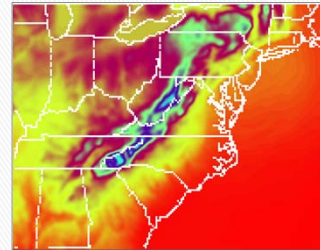
## We Have Big Challenges In Appalachia.

» The Landscape is rapidly changing and resource managers are struggling to both address a host of new challenges and continue to serve in our historic capacities.



## Issues Are Too Big To Handle Alone

» The issues and changes that threaten the Appalachian region don't respect political boundaries and won't be addressed by hundreds of individual Federal, State, Tribal and Local efforts.



## DOI Secretarial Order #3289 (Sept 2009)

...ordered the Department to establish "a network of Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (to) engage DOI and federal agencies, states, tribal and local governments and the public to craft practical, landscape-level strategies for managing climate change impacts."



## The Appalachian LCC was created:

- as a science and management partnership*
- » *to protect the valued resources and biological diversity of the Appalachian region,*
- » *sustain the benefits provided by healthy and resilient ecosystems to human communities,*
- » *and help natural systems adapt to large landscape-level stressors and those stressors that may be magnified by the changing climate*

During the Next Two Days...

- » We are going to rely heavily upon you.
  
- » If the Appalachian LCC is going to be effective
  - > We need your knowledge.
  - > We need your input.
  - > We need your perspective.

