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**Featured Resources****Help Get More Kids in the Woods!**

Children today spend twice as much time indoors as their parents did, which means they are growing up without the simple pleasures and lasting mental and physical health benefits that come from playing outside. The U.S. Forest Service has responded to this need by developing the More Kids in the Woods initiative, which works to re-connect children with the wonder of forests and natural resources. To support the Forest Service's efforts to promote outdoor activity for children, InterfaceSouth has added a [Kids in the Woods](#) section to its website. This section is new and growing, but currently includes a collection of online resources where visitors can go to learn more about related campaigns, organizations, programming, and places to go and activities to do to spend time outside.

My Big Fat Planet, A NASA Climate Change Blog

This blog highlights current, interesting news related to global climate change. Posts are full of colorful pictures and media content that illustrate points from the text, and information is presented in a reader-friendly format. The blog can be found at the NASA climate change website, which is an award-winning, interactive source of research-based climate science for the public. My Big Fat Planet blog is hosted by Dr. Amber Jenkins, a scientist and communicator with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

Visit the [My Big Fat Planet blog](#) to learn more.

Training and Outreach Activities**Recent Changing Roles Workshops**

In May, a Changing Roles training called "Working in Urbanizing Landscapes" took place in Beaverton, Oregon. Participants at this workshop heard from expert speakers and engaged in discussions of case studies and current issues in natural resource management in urbanizing areas. The training also included tours of new and long-time interface landowners' properties to learn about their management objectives and approaches. Nicole Wulff, the Changing Roles Coordinator, planned and conducted this workshop in cooperation with Paul Ries of the Oregon Department of Forestry and Amy Grotta, an Extension Forester with Oregon State University. Paul and Amy will conduct a second Changing Roles workshop this fall in Medford, Oregon.

Upcoming Events

Conferences

Southern Forestry GIS 2011
December 11-13, 2011
Athens, GA
[More Information](#)

Webinars

Changing Roles
2011 Webinar Series: Land-Use
Planning in Natural Resources
November 10, 12:00 p.m. Eastern
November 18, 12:00 p.m. Eastern
[More Information](#)

Prescribed Fire and the Public:
Myths and Realities
November 16, 12:00 p.m. Eastern
[More Information](#)

Introduction to the Interagency
Fuels Treatment Decision Support
System—IFTDSS
December 14, 12:00 p.m. Eastern
[More Information](#)

For more upcoming events visit
the InterfaceSouth [Events Page](#).

A Changing Roles training titled “Incorporating Natural Resources into Land-use Decision Making” was offered in Farmville, Virginia as part of the “Forest, Farms, and Community Lands for Tomorrow Conference” that was held in June. This training focused on building an understanding of the natural resource professional’s role in land-use planning, policy processes, decision-making, as well as conservation tools that can be used to incorporate natural resource issues into planning.

To learn more about the Changing Roles professional development program visit the [Changing Roles](#) section of InterfaceSouth or contact Nicole Wulff, Changing Roles Training Coordinator, nmwulff@fs.fed.us.

Partner Spotlight Southern Fire Exchange

The Southern Fire Exchange (SFE) is a Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) Knowledge Exchange Consortium, one of nine consortia across the country dedicated to providing the latest fire science information to communities and practitioners in their specific region. The Southern Fire Exchange maintains an online Resource Center that includes fire science research, tools, and models, professional development opportunities, and a discussion forum. This fall the Southern Fire Exchange is also hosting a [webinar series](#) on fire and resource management topics. The SFE consortium includes partners from across the Southeast and is led by the University of Florida’s School of Forest Resources and Conservation, North Carolina State University’s Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy, and U.S. Forest Service’s InterfaceSouth.

To learn more about the Southern Fire Exchange visit their [website](#) or get the latest news by following them on [Twitter](#). Visit the Joint Fire Science Program’s [interactive map](#) to learn more about other knowledge exchange consortia across the country.

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