



Fostering resilience in Southwestern ecosystems: A problem solving workshop

Ecosystems and fire regimes are moving into new domains as a consequence of climate change, disturbance, and other causes. Fire professionals and land managers in the region are confronted with new fire regimes, fire effects, and ecosystem recovery trajectories following disturbance. To help fire and ecosystem managers and scientists in the Southwest understand and address these emerging issues, the Southwest Fire Science Consortium (SWFSC) is organizing “Fostering resilience in Southwestern ecosystems: A problem solving workshop” **February 25-27, 2014** at the Radisson Inn & Suites in **Tucson, Arizona**.

The workshop will focus on three themes:

- 1) Improving pre-fire readiness and resilience-building
- 2) Post-fire trajectories and response
- 3) Social context and issues



Day 1: Identify current issues

- Keynote speakers
- Interdisciplinary Roundtable Sessions



Day 2: Identify potential solutions

- Keynote speakers
- Interdisciplinary Roundtable Sessions

Day 3: Have your annual/quarterly/monthly meeting in Tucson – free space will be available!

The workshop will include keynote speakers, but will primarily be made up of roundtable sessions designed to help managers develop practical responses to novel ecosystem conditions, and measures that may be implemented prior to disturbance to maintain resilience and adaptive capacity. In addition to the workshop, the Consortium will publish a working paper on fire, forests, climate change, and ecological resilience in 2014, as well as a paper that will document the outcomes of the roundtable sessions.

Registration will be available in Fall 2013! For information updates, visit <http://swfireconsortium.org>
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