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### The Climate Re:response

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## Climate Change in Alaska National Parks

The [newest edition of Alaska Park Science](#), the semi-annual science journal of the National Park Service Alaska Region, has just been released. Alaska's national parks are rapidly changing due to rising temperatures, posing challenges for park managers. This journal sheds light on climate change in Alaska's parks and highlights our efforts to protect them. Articles in this issue explore:

- how temperature changes impact parks, oceans, and wildlife,
- how Alaskan communities use Traditional Knowledge to better understand climate impacts, and
- methods for communicating science and hope.

## Alaska Park Science

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### Reckoning with a Warming Climate



### Learn About Climate Change

## How Forest Ecosystems Respond



The US Fish and Wildlife Service is hosting a 12-part series on *Ecological Forestry in the Context of Climate Change* held on the third Tuesday of each month. Each month's presentation topic is intended to build upon previous webinars to tell a cohesive story about forest disturbance and climate change impacts on forest ecosystems, and provide silvicultural and adaptation options for natural resource management. The next

installment will be on *Forest Disturbance Regimes*, on 10/17 at 1:00pm ET. [Learn more and register](#). You can also watch [previous webinars in the series](#).

### News on Parks and Climate

## Parks Manage Climate Impacts

Climate change isn't a future event, it's here now.

- Because of warmer weather, [peak foliage season is happening later](#) in Acadia National Park.
- Seven fires are [burning in Olympic National Park](#), evidence of what a climate future could be.
- Shenandoah National Park [closed all streams and rivers](#) to fishing due to low stream flows and high water temperatures.
- The National Mall and Memorial Park received funding from the Great American Outdoors Act and the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to [rehabilitate failing seawalls](#) around a portion of the Tidal Basin and along the Potomac River.



How is your park responding? [Let us know](#) so we can feature it in an upcoming newsletter!

# What Americans Think of Climate Justice



The most [recent Yale Program on Climate Change Communication report](#) focused on public perceptions and attitudes about climate justice. It found only about half of Americans (49%) think global warming harms some groups in the United States more than others, when we know that it disproportionately harms BIPOC communities.

However, they do find that large majorities of Americans support climate justice goals, such as creating more parks and green spaces in low-income communities and communities of color (81%), or strengthening enforcement of industrial pollution limits in low-income communities and communities of color that are disproportionately impacted by air and water pollution (77%).

How can you use this data to create products that bring park visitors into the conversation about what climate justice is, and how to respond to it?

## The American Climate Corps

President Biden announced an initiative to train young people in high-demand skills for jobs in the clean energy economy. If you receive any questions about this initiative in relation to parks, you can direct them to the [official White House information sign-up page](#).



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