

Northeast Drought & Climate Outlook Forum

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125-3993, McCormack Hall, 3rd Floor, John W. Ryan Lounge

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AGENDA

- 8:30am Registration**
- 8:45am Welcome, Objectives, and Outcomes**
Overview and Desired Outcomes of the Forum
- 9:00am Current Drought Conditions and Outlook for 2016**
How did we get here? Trends, Outlook, and Forecasts
- Monitoring current conditions
 - Synoptic Conditions Overview: How the drought evolved
 - Current streamflow conditions
 - Seasonal Outlook: What will the fall and winter look like and what this could mean for the 2017 spring and summer?
- 10:30am Drought Impacts, Responses, and Preparedness**
Discussion of impacts, responses, and strategies for preparedness
- Agricultural Impacts and Fire Potential
 - Fisheries Impacts
 - Water Supply Issues
- 11:30am Rep. Seth Moulton (MA-6) Keynote Remarks**
- 12:00pm Lunch Discussion: State Decisions across the Northeast/Drought Management Task Forces**
- 1:30pm Drought Early Warning Information in the Northeast**
Activities and resources for drought early warning and preparedness, including assessments, predictions, tracking, and messaging
- Drought Monitor overview
 - Regional and Local Resources (webinars, two-pager, online info)
 - NWS Weather Forecast Office
 - USGS
- 2:30pm Drought Assistance and Preparedness**
Resources for drought assistance, preparedness and recovery
- USDA/FSA Assistance for producers

- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans, inclusion of drought
- USDA/NRCS State Drought Resilience Programs
- Relevant Industry Associations

3:30pm **Open Discussion - Information Needs for Drought Early Warning and Preparedness**
Identify key information needs and critical partners

4:30pm **Concluding Remarks, Adjourn**