

# What a Year This Has Been...

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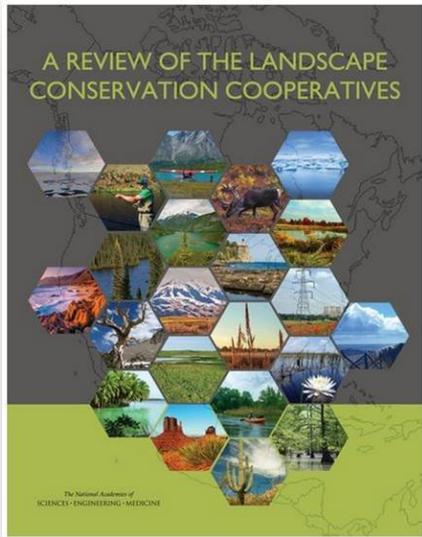
# A Wild Ride: FY16 Budget

	FY15	FY16 Proposed			FY16 Enacted
	Enacted	House	Senate	Decrease	
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	\$13,988	\$6,994	\$7,344	>45%	\$12,988
Adaptive Science	\$10,517	\$5,259 (inferred)	\$5,724	>45%	\$10,517

*\*Dollars in Thousands*



# An Affirmation of the LCC Role in Conservation



## National Academies Committee concluded that:

- “...the nation needs to take a landscape approach to conservation and that the Department of Interior is justified addressing this need with the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives.”
- “...the LCC Network is unique in that no other federal program is designed to address landscape conservation needs at a national scale, for all natural and cultural resources, in a way that bridges research and management efforts.”



# Passing the Baton



Rebecca Fris and Andrea Graffis



Aimee Roberson and Sally Holl



Todd Hopkins



# Passing the Baton



Claudia Mengelt and Kat Powelson



Matt Grabau, Amanda Webb,  
Ashwin Naidu, and Adam Ricks



*Stay tuned!*



Christine Schirmer



# Much to Be Proud Of...



Southwest Climate  
Science Center

- SW Climate Summit in Sacramento (Nov 2015)
- Launched first phase of tribal engagement initiative



- Central Valley Landscape Conservation Project:  
Vulnerability Assessments & Adaptation Strategies



- Selected 3 Landscape Design Areas...  
Working with partners to define conservation goals,  
objectives, and adaption actions



- Launched the PNW LCD in the Lower Columbia River  
and outer coasts of Washington and Oregon



- BLM and the USFS completed 2 million acres of  
restoration/rehabilitation due to LCC-generated tools





# Reflections on Communications



# Research and Communications...

- Formulate a Question
- Apply for/Secure funding
- Undertake a Study/Experiment
- Data Analysis
- Publish Results

Investigation

- Formulate New Question
- Conservation Design
- Conservation Delivery
- Landscape Response

Decision-Making

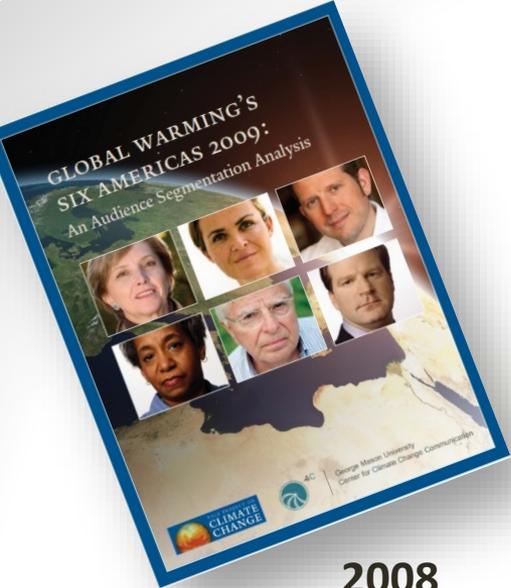




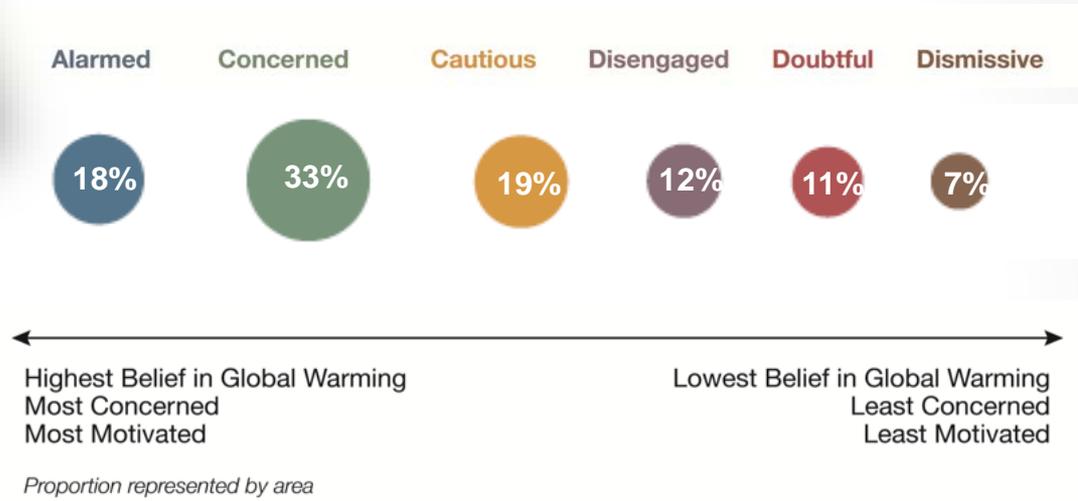
“...there is a point in that story that is almost always completely overlooked: it was a sign on the inn in the little town on the Hudson from which Rip went up into the mountain for his long sleep...”

*-Martin Luther King, Jr  
Oberlin College  
June 1965*

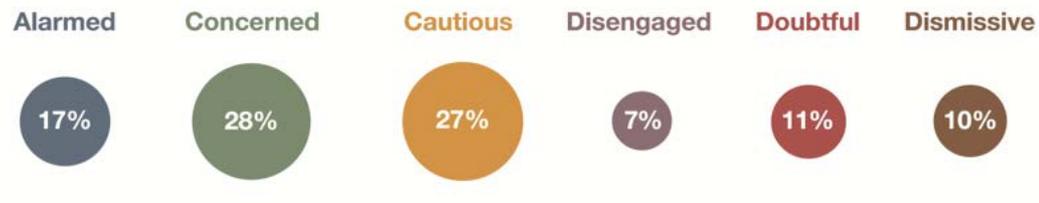




**2008**  
n=2,129



**2016**  
n=1,203



Source: Yale/George Mason University



# Keep Communicating: To awaken those who are unaware





*“Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time.”*

*-Mark Twain*





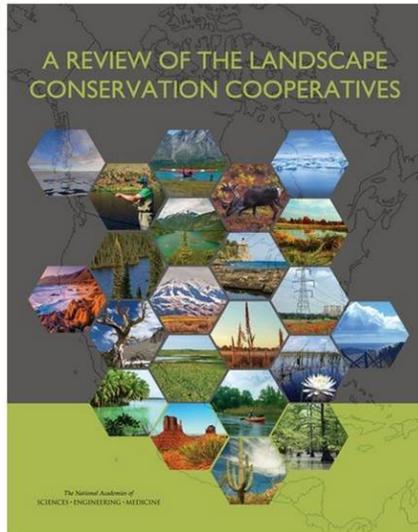
# Congressional Request to National Academies of Science

“To evaluate:

- (1) the purpose, goals, and scientific merit of the program within the context of other similar programs; and
- (2) whether there have been measurable improvements in the health of fish, wildlife, and their habitats as a result of the program.”



# But there's work to be done...



## National Academies Committee Recommended that:

- “The LCC Network should improve its evaluation process to better capture the contributions made by all partner agencies or groups toward common objectives. ..”

