

# CIRC Spokane Community Adaptation Project Northwest Climate Toolbox Workshop Highlights

On September 25th, 2018, the [Lands Council](#) hosted the [Pacific Northwest Climate Impacts Research Consortium](#) (CIRC) and Spokane community members participating in the [Spokane Community Adaptation Project](#) for a hands-on workshop to learn about and gain comfort using the [Northwest Climate Toolbox](#) to form Climate Data Stories.

CIRC researchers developed a [step-by-step workbook](#) with companion exercises that teaches users to use the Toolbox progressively and independently.

## Meeting Accomplishments:

- Reviewed coproduction and vulnerability assessments
- Participants beta-tested a new workbook for learning how to use the Toolbox
- Participants manipulated Toolbox data; practiced housekeeping items; walked through examples both individually and in groups; and worked in teams to explore individual topics of interest
- Participants chose Climate Data Story themes and formed Climate Data Story teams

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**Climate Data Story**—a narrative outlining the climate conditions your community faces.

**Working with the Toolbox**—The bulk of our time together was spent working with the Toolbox, getting acclimated to the interface and practicing asking questions, querying the Toolbox, and interpreting the results.

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## Topics for SCAP Climate Data Stories

1. Precipitation
2. River Flow
3. Temperature
4. Snowpack
5. Fire

If you want to join one of the teams, please email [Ann.Mooney@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Ann.Mooney@oregonstate.edu).

## Next Steps—

1. Climate Data Story teams will develop their climate data stories
2. Teams will reconvene to share their Climate Data Stories
3. Project will move through the next steps of the Vulnerability Assessment Process

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## Meeting Participants:

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