



SUMMER 2013 HIGH PLAINS DROUGHT OUTLOOK AND ASSESSMENT FORUM

July 24, 2013

Colby Community Center
Little Theater Room
285 East 5th Street
Colby, Kansas

The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), Kansas Water Office, NOAA Regional Climate Services and National Drought Mitigation Center will be presenting a regional Drought Outlook and Assessment Forum on July 24th in Colby, Kansas. The Forum, is part of a series of events and informational webinars held since the drought became firmly established. The morning session focuses on the evolution and outlook of the drought, including presentations from those involved in monitoring, assessing and predicting our climate. The afternoon session features panel discussions on issues of concern and management practices relative to the multi-state region. The panels will feature researchers, managers, extension, and producers from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. To RSVP contact Bethany Perry at Bethany.perry@noaa.gov or 816-268-3133.

Outlook Session

- 9:30am Registration and refreshments**
- 10:00am Welcome**
Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office Director
- 10:10am Regional climate services in response to the High Plains Drought, 2010-2013**
Doug Kluck, Central Regional Climate Services Director, NOAA/NCDC
- 10:30am Current Status and Climatological Evolution of the 2010-2013 Drought**
Mike Hayes, National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC)

11:00am Seasonal Outlook and Prospects for Improvement

Doug Kluck, Central Regional Climate Services Director, NOAA/NCDC

11:30am Q & A

Led by Veva Deheza, National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)

12:00pm Working Lunch (provided)

Assessment Panel Sessions

12:30pm Crop and Soil Management for Water

Chuck Rice, Distinguished Professor Soil Microbiology, Kansas State University – Moderator

1:30pm Water Supplies

Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office Director – Moderator

2:30pm Rangeland Management (supporting cattle)

Eric Banks, Kansas State Conservationist, NRCS – Moderator

3:30 Wrap-Up and Adjourn

For those unable to attend, presentations and a meeting summary will be posted at drought.gov

Federal agency participants will need to contribute \$5.00 for lunch and refreshments.