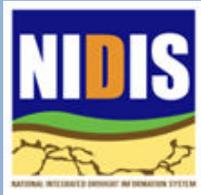


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Agenda

- 10:00 - 10:05 Introduction, Wayne Higgins, NOAA
- 10:05 - 10:15 An Overview of the Drought Information Act of 2013 (S.376)
Reauthorization of the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)
Veva Deheza, NIDIS Program Office, NOAA
Mackenzie Tepel, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, NOAA
- 10:15 - 10:35 U.S. Drought Monitor and Crop Outlook
Brad Rippey, Office of the Chief Economist, USDA
- 10:35 - 10:55 Seasonal Forecast and Drought Outlook
David Miskus, National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center, NOAA
- 10:55 - 11:30 Panel I: Federal Agencies – Drought Conditions Update and National Wildfire Outlook
Moderator: Mark Brusberg, Office of the Chief Economist, USDA
Elizabeth Reinhardt, U.S. Forest Service, USDA
Dionne Thompson, Bureau of Reclamation, DOI
Chandra Pathak, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 11:30 - 12:15 Panel II: Economic Sectors – Current Economic Impacts and Outlook
Moderator: Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center
John Longworth, State Engineer's Office, New Mexico
Chip Ramsey, Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc.
Bradley Fuller, Western Horizons Corporation
Brenner Brown, Texas Water Development Board
- 12:15 - 12:30 Climate Outlook Summary and NIDIS Resources for Drought Preparedness and Response
Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lisa Darby, NIDIS Program Office, NOAA

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