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**Climate Tools for Water Managers**

This department is provided by the Institute for the Environment and Society at the University of Arizona; visit www.ispe.arizona.edu.

**Networking to Address Climate Change**

*Source: Southwest Climate Change Network*

*Access: www.SouthwestClimateChange.org*

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The first website known to combine social networking with climate science is available to help people and organizations understand and plan for climate change in the Southwest. The Southwest Climate Change Network, launched in January, is an online community in which scientists, other experts, decision makers, and the public can share information on all aspects of climate change. The mission of the network is to accelerate understanding of climate change in the Southwest, foster collaboration to identify solutions, and support action to adapt to impacts and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The network was developed in response to a call from agencies, companies, and organizations that have identified climate change as a planning priority. Administered by the Institute for Environment and Society and the Climate Assessment for the Southwest at the University of Arizona, the website includes climate-change impact assessments; news on events, business, technology, and research; and articles submitted by experts who are working on solutions. This information is becoming increasingly important: climate change is projected to result in a warmer and possibly drier Southwest, with consequences for the region’s water resources and the frequency, duration, and intensity of both floods and droughts.

The Knowledge Network, another feature of the website, allows users to discover people and organizations with shared interests and goals, join the network, and organize virtual work groups. These work groups will be formed to identify, evaluate, and validate options for adapting to impacts and reducing emissions. The Knowledge Network is equipped with communication and collaboration tools that help both small and large groups advance ideas and develop proposals. Results of group efforts can be communicated within and beyond the network. Future plans include incorporating additional features and decision-support tools into the website.