Climate Change Impacts

What's Changing With the Climate?

- Rising Sea Levels / Rapid Warming of Polar Regions;
- ✓ More Extreme Weather Events;
- ✓ Rising Ocean and Surface Temperatures
- ✓ Increases in Coastal Flooding
- ✓ Changes in Hurricane Intensity
- ✓ Increased Wildfires see Australia and CA.

Shrinking Arctic Ocean Ice



Younger & thinner ice permits more heat to escape into the atmosphere. This causes Arctic air & sea surface temperatures to warm.

> 0.0 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 Year

Fig. 2.7 – Ch. 2 – Hayhoe, K., D.J. Wuebbles, D.R. Easterling, D.W. Fahey, S. Doherty, J. Kossin, W. Sweet, R. Vose, and M. Wehner, 2018: Our Changing Climate. In Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II [Reidmiller, D.R., C.W. Avery, D.R. Easterling, K.E. Kunkel, K.L.M. Lewis, T.K. Maycock, and B.C. Stewart (eds.)]. U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, pp. 72–144. doi: 10.7930/NCA4.2018.CH2



Observed Changes

(i) Surface Temperature;(ii) Precipitation; and(iii) Sea Level

Fig. 1.1 – Ch. 2 – Observed Changes and Their Causes: *Climate Change 2014: Synthesis Report. Contribution of Working Groups I, II and III to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [*Core Writing Team, R.K. Pachauri and L.A. Meyer (eds.)]IPCC, Geneva, Switzerland,

Projected Changes

(i) Surface Temperature;(ii) Precipitation; and(iii) Sea Level



Source: Fig. 2.2 – Ch. 2 – Future Climate Changes, Risk and Impacts: Climate Change 2014: Synthesis Report. Contribution of Working Groups I, II and III to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [Core Writing Team, R.K. Pachauri and L.A. Meyer (eds.)]IPCC, Geneva, Switzerland,



Change (%)

20-29

10-19

30-39

40+

Increased Potential for Heavy Precipitation Events

Fig. 2.6 – Ch. 2 – Hayhoe, K., D.J. Wuebbles, D.R. Easterling, D.W. Fahey, S. Doherty, J. Kossin, W. Sweet, R. Vose, and M. Wehner, 2018: Our Changing Climate. In Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II [Reidmiller, D.R., C.W. Avery, D.R. Easterling, K.E. Kunkel, K.L.M. Lewis, T.K. Maycock, and B.C. Stewart (eds.)]. U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, pp. 72–144. doi: 10.7930/NCA4.2018.CH2

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0-9

Projected Changes in Annual Average US Temperature



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FIG. 1.3: USGCRP, 2018: Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II: Report-in-Brief [Reidmiller, D.R., C.W. Avery, D.R. Easterling, K.E. Kunkel, K.L.M. Lewis, T.K. Maycock, and B.C. Stewart (eds.)]. U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, 186 pp. doi: 10.7930/NCA4.2018.RiB.

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Figure 25.4 USGCRP, 2018: Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II: Report-in-Brief [Reidmiller, D.R., C.W. Avery, D.R. Easterling, K.E. Kunkel, K.L.M. Lewis, T.K. Maycock, and B.C. Stewart (eds.)]. U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, 186 pp. doi: 10.7930/ NCA4.2018.RiB. (Source: adapted from Abatzoglou and Williams 2016).

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Figure 1.5 USGCRP, 2018: Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: **Fourth National Climate Assessment**, Volume II: Report-in-Brief [Reidmiller, D.R., C.W. Avery, D.R. Easterling, K.E. Kunkel, K.L.M. Lewis, T.K. Maycock, and B.C. Stewart (eds.)]. U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, 186 pp. doi: 10.7930/ NCA4.2018.RiB. image credits: (left) NASA; (right) Master Sgt.David Loeffler, U.S. Air National Guard.

Historical and Projected Sea-Level Rise



Fig. 2. – Ch. 2 – Hayhoe, K., D.J. Wuebbles, D.R. Easterling, D.W. Fahey, S. Doherty, J. Kossin, W. Sweet, R. Vose, and M. Wehner, 2018: Our Changing Climate. In Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II [Reidmiller, D.R., C.W. Avery, D.R. Easterling, K.E. Kunkel, K.L.M. Lewis, T.K. Maycock, and B.C. Stewart (eds.)]. U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, pp. 72–144. doi: 10.7930/NCA4.2018.CH2

Projected United States Coastal Sea-level Rise –



Lower Scenario (RCP4.5)

Higher Scenario (RCP8.5)



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SE US – Annual Number of High Tide Flooding Days – Current / Projected



Fig. 19.7 – Ch. 19 Carter, L., A. Terando, K. Dow, K. Hiers, K.E. Kunkel, A. Lascurain, D. Marcy, M. Osland, and P. Schramm, 2018: Southeast. In Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II [Reidmiller, D.R., C.W. Avery, D.R. Easterling, K.E. Kunkel, K.L.M. Lewis, T.K. Maycock, and B.C. Stewart (eds.)]. U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, USA, pp. 743–808. doi: 10.7930/NCA4.2018.CH19