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# Virginia's Climate Change Strategy for Wildlife

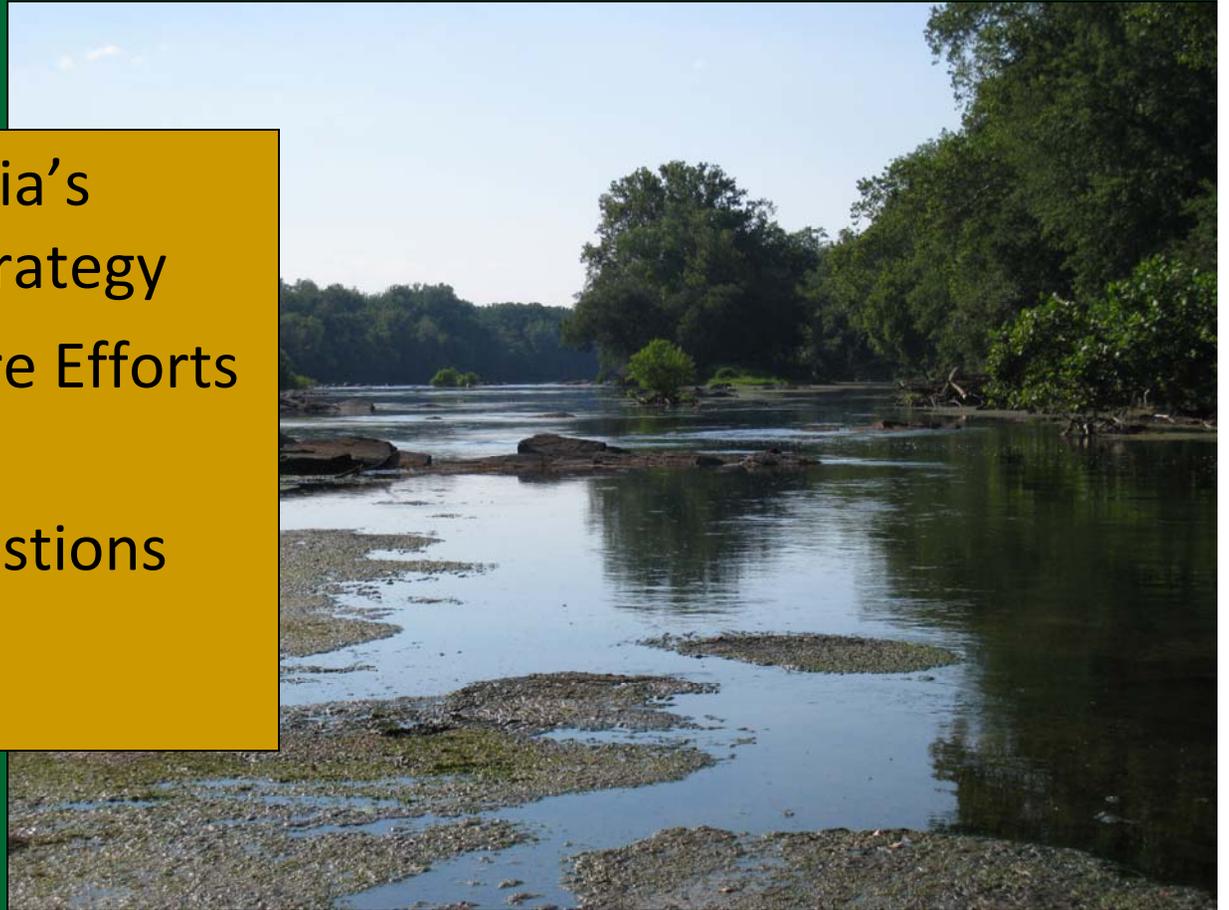
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# Why Am I Here?

- Overview of Virginia's Climate Change Strategy
- Ongoing and Future Efforts to Implement
- Try to Answer Questions
- Brainstorm Ideas



# Thank You

- National Wildlife Federation and
- Virginia Conservation Network
- Wildlife Conservation Society
- Doris Duke Charitable Foundation



Participants and Contributors (many from DOI)





We need to do more  
than change our light  
bulbs! Va. Climate Workshop Participant



Virginia is a politically conservative coal producing state.



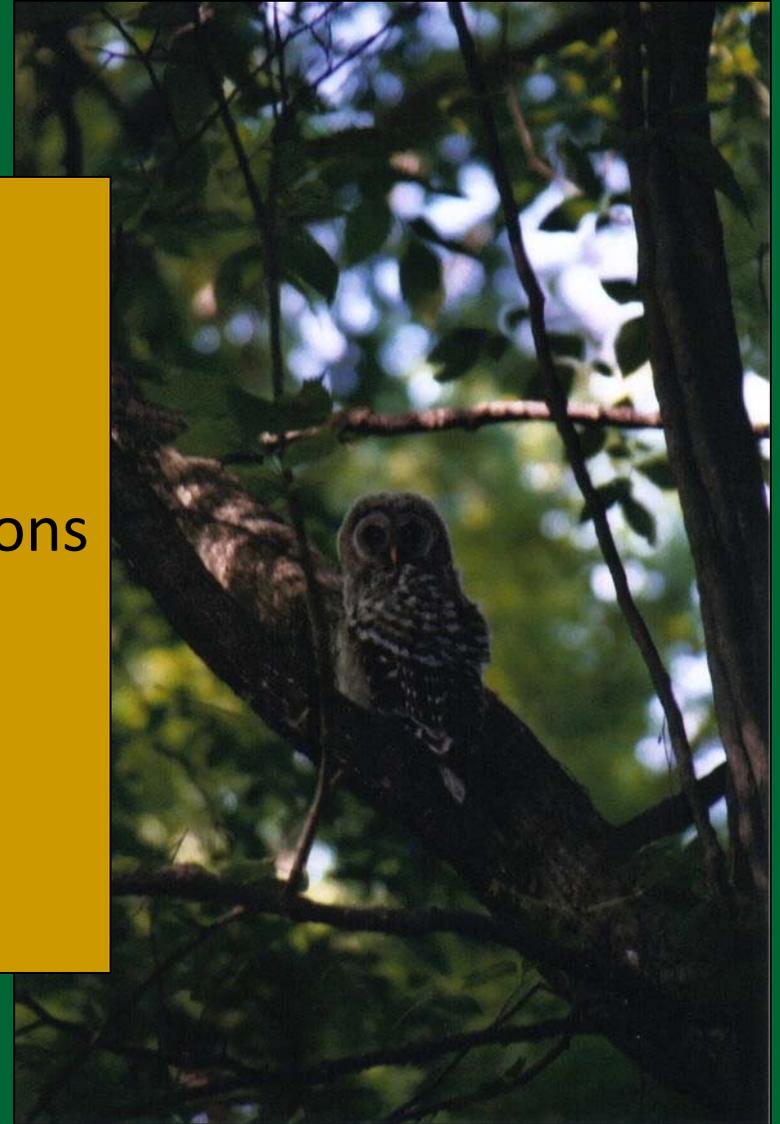
Miners at work with pick and shovel in an old mine. Note the old-fashioned open frame lamps they wore on their caps.



# Side Boards

Our plan does not:

- Lay Blame
- Take Sides
- Make impossible recommendations
- Go on, and on, and on...
- Applicable to more than just climate change



# Three Categories of Actions...

- Species and Habitat Conservation
- Additional Research
- Outreach



# Species and Habitat Conservation

Healthy Populations in Healthy Habitats will be Better Able to Adapt to Future Conditions.

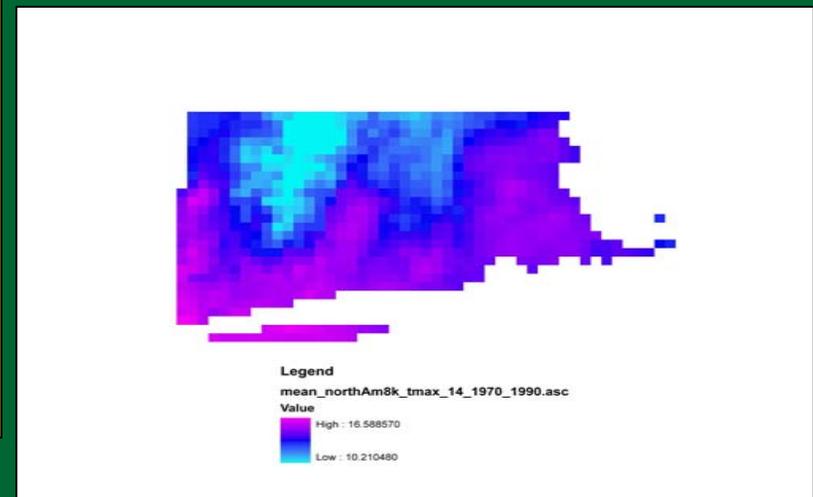
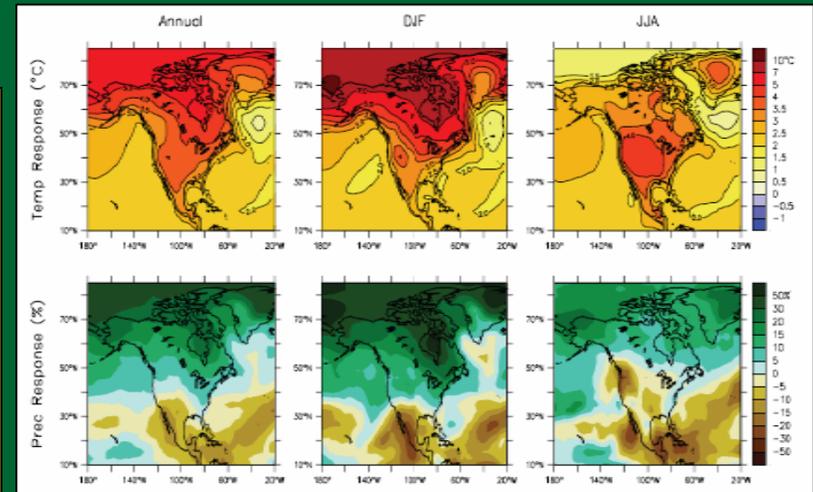


- Habitat Conservation - Ongoing
- Habitat Connectivity - Pending
- Legal Revisions - Ongoing
- New Resources - Ongoing
- Population Augmentation - Ongoing



# Data Collection to Inform Mgmt.

- Climate Modeling and Threats Assessment
  - Ongoing – Virginia Tech and Kutztown University
- Public Attitude Information - Pending
- Links to Ecosystem Services
  - Ongoing - Va Dept. of Forestry and Va Tech



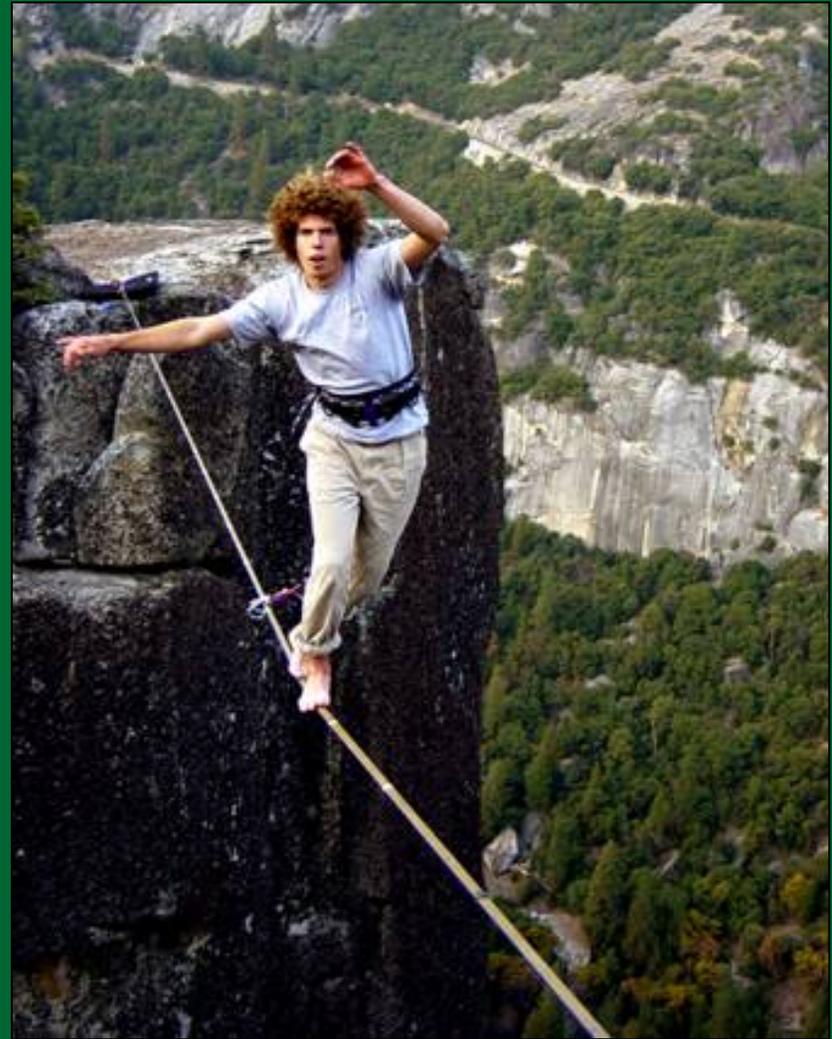
# Outreach

- Communications Plan – Pending
- Local Action Plan Strategies
  - Ongoing
- The Next Round of Planning



# The Adventure Begins...

Time to balance the public demands with evolving political policies.



# Questions? Ideas?



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