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Working members of the media are invited to attend all sessions with no-cost registration and a press conference Wednesday May 13, 7:30-8:00am in the Conductor Room. Please report to the National Adaptation Forum registration desk at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103 to secure your credentials.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grass Roots Climate Adaptation Community Gathers Again to Share and Promote Climate Adaptation Actions

Saint Louis, May 12, 2015—The second bi-annual National Adaptation Forum is happening in St. Louis, Missouri on May 12-14, 2015 to promote enhanced resilience to climate change.

Individuals representing nonprofits, government at all levels, and industry, recognizing that climate change demands planning and action, created the National Adaptation Forum and hosted the first event in 2013. The bi-annual National Adaptation Forum enhances our Nation's resilience by providing a place where participants can learn about practical approaches to climate adaptation; share their knowledge; and develop a network of colleagues for ongoing engagement.

Participants and sponsors will leverage a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to accomplish these outcomes. Participants will address topics ranging from agriculture and food security to water resources via town hall plenary sessions, trainings, working groups, and hands-on practice with emerging tools. More than 800 adaptation professionals are participating from every state in the United States, one territory, three Canadian provinces, and five countries. These registrants represent 37 percent government, 30 percent non-profit, 15 percent university research/teaching, 10 percent student, 8 percent corporate. Sponsors from all sectors and from around the world are supporting the event with financial support and with booths. More than 39 organizations, including the Kresge Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation, are sponsoring this year's event.

"Our community is excited about this occasion for real conversations about real actions. Turning the latest best practices and science into action will enhance resilience as we adapt to climate change. Climate change is everybody's problem and this is the occasion for everybody to do something about it," said Lara Hansen, Ph.D., Chief Scientist and Executive Director of EcoAdapt, the nonprofit organization hosting the event.

About EcoAdapt. Climate change is real. It is not a problem of the future, it's a problem of now. The disruptions it is causing require that we change the way we consider planning and management in order to ensure the future of natural and built systems. In order to protect these areas from the unavoidable effects of climate change, EcoAdapt provides support, training, and assistance to make planning and management less vulnerable and more climate savvy. Over the past 200 years, great strides have been made in the world of management and now all of that is at risk because of climate change. EcoAdapt is working to ensure the success of these past efforts by delivering a framework for climate adaptation. We help governments, organizations, and individuals figure out how to do what they do effectively, even in the face of climate change.

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