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Annual Activity Report to the Community

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UCAR Advocacy Goals – FY 2009

• Promote the UCAR community as a resource with the new Administration
  – Transition document
  – High level meetings

• Contribute to the climate change debate
  – Coalitions/partnerships
  – Hill and agency meetings
  – Testimony, letters
  – Influence on bill language
  – Rally community
  – Briefings
  – Visits to UCAR community facilities

• Begin to position the community to play a major role in climate services/climate adaptation planning
Executive and Congressional Visits/Meetings

• Office of Management and Budget
• Office of Science and Technology Policy
• Council on Environmental Quality
• Staff of both House and Senate Appropriations Committees
• Staff of the House Committees on:
  – Energy and Commerce
  – Natural Resources
  – Science and Technology
  – Transportation and Infrastructure
• Staff of the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming
• Staff of the Senate Committees on:
  – Commerce, Science and Transportation
  – Energy and Natural Resources
• Members of the new Sustainable Energy and Environment Caucus
Jack Fellows testified before the House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, & Science on the FY 2010 Budget Request
March 2009

• “The country has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to chart a new path [in science funding]. We must not waste this moment.”

• Asked Congress to support FY 2010 funding for:

  NSF: President Obama’s request of $7 billion

  NASA: $200 million increase for the Earth Science program, to $4.7 billion

  NOAA: $5 billion
Eric Barron testified before the House Committee on Science and Technology
Subcommittee on Energy & Environment
May 2009

“Expanding Climate Services at NOAA: Developing the National Climate Service”
Dave Schimel testified before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks
August 2009
Field Hearing in Estes Park
Climate Change Impacts on National Parks in Colorado and Related Management Activities
Climate Change in the Urban Landscape – Stakeholder Needs and Adaptation Strategies that Work
April 2009

Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) provided opening remarks

- Karen Hobbs, City of Chicago, Department of the Environment
- Jonathan Overpeck, University of Arizona
- Cynthia Rosenzweig, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and Co-chair of the New York City Panel on Climate Change
- Don Wuebbles, University of Chicago
Climate Adaptation and Water Resources: Planning for a Changing World
May 2009

- Jack Fellows, UCAR
- David Behar, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Water Utility Climate Alliance
- Jonathan Overpeck, University of Arizona
- Brad Udall, Western Water Assessment Program, University of Colorado

Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) welcomed the audience
OSTP rollout of the USGCRP Assessment Report
“Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States”
Coalition for National Science Funding

“…if you want to know our domestic agenda, it is science, science, science and science, and by the way that’s our national security foundation as well.”

-House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi
UCAR Advocacy Goals – FY 2010

• Position UCAR community to play key roles in climate services/adaptation implementation activities across the government

• Continue to promote UCAR community as a critical resource for weather and climate research

• Make new friends in new areas – national security, public health, agriculture, etc.
2009 UCAR Science Advocates

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