

PARTNERS

USAID's partners in climate change activities in Russia include:

- Russian Federal Forest Agency (RFFA)
- Russian Ministry of Natural Resources
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)

Because partners change as new activities arise, this list of partners is not comprehensive.

USFS has also worked extensively with Russia on wildfire management, including suppression and mitigation techniques, as well as research on greenhouse gas emissions from wildfire. Continued technical cooperation in this area will help build fire management capacity and prevent the loss of forest cover, ensuring that these forests continue to provide important carbon sequestration benefits.

USFS is also supporting Russia's efforts to combat illegal logging through training and technical assistance on methodologies and tools such as best management practices, timber tracking, proper designation of boundaries, training in transparent timber sales and contracts and availability of forest information. In addition, in March 2008, USFS supported a workshop attended by Chinese and Russian participants, to promote transboundary dialogue on sustainable investment and trade in the forest sector. Combating illegal logging helps mitigate unaccounted loss of forests and carbon.

USFS also collaborates with partners in Russia to protect and restore important watersheds and wildlife habitat. Watershed protection measures mitigate threats of disaster, such as erosion and flooding, to both human populations and natural resources.

Sustainable natural resource and forest management activities, such as those USFS collaborates on in Russia, contribute to the mitigation of significant effects of climate change on humans and ecosystems.

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