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Communicating climate change at the NM State Climate Office

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The New Mexico State Climate Office assesses the effect of climate on the natural environment, agricultural production, land and natural resources and human health. The Office also consults and coordinates with the federal and state government in climate related activities. On a days to day basis, the Office disseminates climate data, information, advice and assessments to state and local agencies and the general public. With the state in the midst of a multi-year drought we are using this as an opportunity to educate the public on climate change. Recently we have been working with the City of Silver City and the City of Las Cruces in issues with climate education and adaptation. This poster discusses the role of the Office and opportunities this presents to the research community to better communicate and assist local governments in planning and climate change assessments.