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## **UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

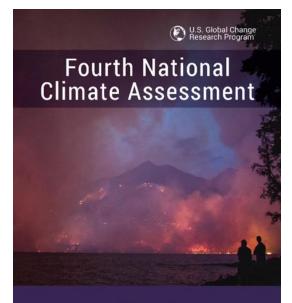
EESI offers free assistance to utilities:

- Assistance to utilities to design on bill financing (OBF) and beneficial electrification programs, access funding
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## NCA4 Vol 2: Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the U.S.

- Policy relevant, but not policy prescriptive
- Strong emphasis on regional information; assesses multiple impacts in the same region
- Estimates damages to the U.S. economy
- Uses case studies to describe how communities are **responding** to climate change – both mitigation and adaptation

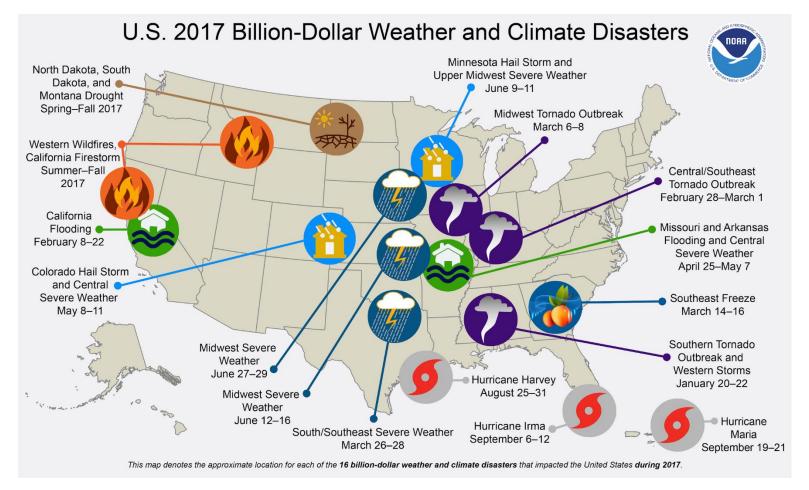


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## **Front Page stories on NCA 4**







#### Total cost of 'billion-dollar' weather events in 2017 = \$306 billion

## **Global Commission on Adaptation**

- Led by former U.N. Secretary-General Ban Kimoon, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Co-Chair Bill Gates, and World Bank Group CEO Kristalina Georgieva
- 17 convening countries
- 28 global commissioners
- a network of 23 research partners
- 20 senior advisors
- WRI & the Global Center on Adaptation (in the Netherlands) serving as managing partners



GLOBAL COMMISSION ON ADAPTATION

#### #ACCELERATE ADAPTATION

Countries at the forefront of adaptation have taken the lead in convening the Global Commission on Adaptation:

Argentina	Ethiopia	Mexico
Bangladesh	Germany	Netherlands
Canada	Grenada	Senegal
China	India	South Africa
Costa Rica	Indonesia	United Kingdom
Denmark	Marshall Islands	
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## Adaptation and resilience measures passed in 2018:

- Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA)
- National Defense Reauthorization (NDAA)
- The Farm Bill conservation, pilot programs on soil health
- Wildfire funding treat wildfires as natural disasters
- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) nature based infrastructure provisions

### Despite progress, a great deal of work remains for 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.



## Impacts of the 2018 Midterm elections on climate & energy:

- Huge class of freshmen, new Democratic House majority
- State measures on climate & renewables largely fail to pass
- Rise of Green New Deal
- Climate Solutions Caucus losses
- Many statehouses now Democratic, influx of Democratic Governors





## **Issues for 116th Congress:**

- In the House, Committee Chairs eager to take up climate change and oversight of administration.
- Carbon tax will see a variety of proposals
  - Dems laying groundwork for 2020
- Infrastructure as top bipartisan priority for 116<sup>th</sup>
  - We must insure investments are climate adapted, resilient and equitable.
  - Funding is biggest question
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Grid modernization

# **THANK YOU**

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