Northeast Drought & Climate Outlook Forum
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125-3993, McCormack Hall, 3rd Floor, John W. Ryan Lounge
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AGENDA

8:30am    Registration

8:45am    Welcome, Objectives, and Outcomes
Overview and Desired Outcomes of the Forum

9:00am    Current Drought Conditions and Outlook for 2016
How did we get here? Trends, Outlook, and Forecasts
   ● Monitoring current conditions
   ● Synoptic Conditions Overview: How the drought evolved
   ● Current streamflow conditions
   ● Seasonal Outlook: What will the fall and winter look like and what this could mean for the 2017 spring and summer?

10:30am   Drought Impacts, Responses, and Preparedness
Discussion of impacts, responses, and strategies for preparedness
   ● Agricultural Impacts and Fire Potential
   ● Fisheries Impacts
   ● Water Supply Issues

11:30am   Rep. Seth Moulton (MA-6) Keynote Remarks

12:00pm   Lunch Discussion: State Decisions across the Northeast/Drought Management Task Forces

1:30pm    Drought Early Warning Information in the Northeast
Activities and resources for drought early warning and preparedness, including assessments, predictions, tracking, and messaging
   ● Drought Monitor overview
   ● Regional and Local Resources (webinars, two-pager, online info)
   ● NWS Weather Forecast Office
   ● USGS

2:30pm    Drought Assistance and Preparedness
Resources for drought assistance, preparedness and recovery
   ● USDA/FSA Assistance for producers
● FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans, inclusion of drought
● USDA/NRCS State Drought Resilience Programs
● Relevant Industry Associations

3:30pm  Open Discussion - Information Needs for Drought Early Warning and Preparedness
Identify key information needs and critical partners

4:30pm  Concluding Remarks, Adjourn