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# American Carbon Registry Announces Public Comment Period for Biochar Carbon Offset Methodology

The Methodology for Biochar Projects (aka the Biochar Carbon Offset Methodology) has just been posted for public comment on the American Carbon Registry's (ACR) website at: <http://americancarbonregistry.org/carbon-accounting/methodology-for-biochar-projects>. The American Carbon Registry (ACR) is a non-profit enterprise of Winrock International and is seeking feedback from members, stakeholders, project proponents and other interested parties by **October 25, 2013**.

The methodology was prepared by a project team consisting of The Climate Trust, The Prasino Group, The International Biochar Initiative, and Carbon Consulting. Several rounds of initial revisions and clarifications requested by ACR to the draft methodology have been completed by the methodology project team. During the current public comment period, ACR will also offer a stakeholder consultation webinar to solicit additional public input; IBI will widely announce the webinar date to our members and stakeholders. The project team will then respond to public comments in a further revision of the document, and this version will then undergo at least two rounds of comment-and-response by a scientific peer review panel convened by ACR. Upon completion of the peer review and approval by ACR, the final methodology will be published on ACR's website and available for use by project proponents.

The methodology embeds the International Biochar Initiative's *IBI Biochar Standards* (2013) as a requirement to ensure the use of only biochar materials that meet IBI's globally developed standards to ensure biochar material and safety requirements are met.

Projects using this methodology must comply with all requirements of the *ACR Standard*, submit a GHG Project Plan for certification by ACR, and secure independent validation and verification by an ACR-approved third-party validation/verification body.

For more information on this public comment period, please see:  
<http://americancarbonregistry.org/carbon-accounting/methodology-for-biochar-projects>.

The full Methodology for public comment can be found at:  
<http://americancarbonregistry.org/carbon-accounting/biochar-public-comment>.

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