

AGENDA - September 19, 2019
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
5:30-7:00pm, Senior Center in the 1912 Center, Moscow

Introductions

Additions to the Agenda

Review of Minutes

Announcements

International Climate Strike: tomorrow 9/20; rally at Moscow's East City Park at 11:40

Laser Talk Exercise: Citizens Can Have an Impact on Global Climate Efforts (below)

CCL-Palouse Reports and Business

Local Projects

Tabling (Simon)

Latah County Commissioners (Mac)

Whitman County Commissioners (Judy)

Sierra Club's Ready for 100 initiative: Moscow; Pullman (Al, Martha)

Pullman Climate Action Plan (Judy)

Youth Action

 Moscow High School (Jana, Ilan)

 UI (Kayla)

 WSU (Johnson)

Chambers of Commerce

 Pullman (Marilyn, Simon)

 Moscow (Mary)

Radio spots on climate change (Steve)

Grasstops Endorsements (Mary)

National Actions

Idaho Senator Mike Crapo (Mac)

Washington Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (Judy)

Endorsements from Breweries and Wineries

Tweet all our members of Congress with photo of our Lentil Festival participants (or other), reminding them that climate change is a priority and to support the Energy Innovation Act. Be sure to add the hashtag #GrassrootsClimate so CCL can find them all. Get a free Twitter account at twitter.com/signup to see [these two short videos](#) for help setting up your Twitter profile and posting your first tweet.

Write LTE's to *Daily News, Lewiston Tribune, Whitman County Gazette, Spokesman Review*:

1. Congress is back in session, and the Energy Innovation Act has 60 members of Congress signed on (as of 9/1). If your _____ member has not cosponsored, name them in your LTE and say you'd like them to cosponsor H.R. 763. If _____ members of Congress in your area have cosponsored, mention them by name and thank them.

2. On Sept. 21, the [United Nations Youth Climate Summit](#) will take place in New York. Your LTE could point out that _____ the world is in agreement that we need climate action, and Congress could help America lead the way to a clean _____ energy future by supporting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

3. On Sept. 20, a youth-led [Global Climate Strike](#) took place around the world. Your LGE could highlight that event and call on Congress to respond by supporting H.R. 763.

Topic of Interest: Communicating about Climate Change (Simon)

National CCL Monthly Call Jonathan Haidt, author of *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided about Politics and Religion*. Haidt explains the origins of the human moral sense and how variations in moral intuitions can help explain the polarization and dysfunction of American politics.

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 5:30-7 at Umpqua Bank in Pullman

Laser Talk: Citizens can have an impact on global climate efforts

Our laser talk exercise offers some useful talking points about global climate efforts and the vital role that ordinary citizens play in advocating climate solutions. Try using these talking points while tabling and presenting, and in your lobby meetings.

Exercise

Pair up with another volunteer and take turns reading aloud the laser talk paragraphs below and then say aloud in your words what you remember and want to use.

Laser Talk

Heartbreaking and jaw dropping. That's the only way to describe the aftermath of [Hurricane Dorian's devastation](#) in the Bahamas. It begs the question: How much destruction and loss of life do humans have to endure before the world gets serious about tackling climate change?

We may start to know the answer to that question this month, as world leaders gather for the [United Nations Climate Summit](#) in New York. Scientists have warned that we have little more than a decade to show substantial progress in reducing the heat-trapping emissions that cause climate change. Those warnings appear to be going unheeded, as [CO2 emissions reached an all-time high](#) in 2018.

The good news is that the U.S. Congress has the opportunity to show the world a path forward on reducing emissions. Earlier this year, the [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#) was introduced in the U.S. House. It would put a steadily-rising fee on carbon and give the revenue back to households, thereby using market forces to speed the transition to a clean-energy economy. It would reduce emissions at least 40 percent in the first 12 years and 90 percent by 2050. As of September 1st, the bill has 60 House members signed on. Thanks to the advocacy of

CCL volunteers throughout the country, more cosponsors are expected as momentum builds for this legislation.

Although [46 nations have initiated some form of carbon pricing](#), most of them are too weak to have the desired impact. The commitments made at the U.N. Summit this month will set the stage for the [COP 25 climate conference in Chile](#) this December, where those commitments will be turned into actual policy. Citizens have a vital role to play in calling attention to solutions that will really make a difference.