

MINUTES July 17, 2025, 5:30-7:00 pm - Citizens' Climate Lobby

Fiske Room, 1912 Center, Moscow or via Zoom

Values Statement: We are committed to working towards fair, effective, and enduring policies to address climate change, and to a process that is inclusive, non-partisan, and respectful of diverse points of view.

Introductions

Steve Flint, Kent Keller, Judy Meuth, Leonard Garrison, Simon Smith, Paul Spencer, Shannon Scott, Mac Cantrell, Margaret Davis, Bill Voxman, Eric Wegner

Announcements

- CCL National Conference and Lobby Day, July 21-22, Washington DC. Register and grab your lobby spot! <http://cclusa.org/summer>
 - Two people from Idaho are going and will be in a lobby meeting with all four Members of congress.
 - Eighteen from Washington are going, including one from Spokane, who will be in every meeting. It is her first time lobbying. Meetings are scheduled with all ten representatives and both senators.
- SunDay Electric Vehicle and Transportation Fair, Sept 21, 12 noon – 3 pm, PCEI.

Publications - Judy

According to national CCL staffers, even though the “Big Beautiful Bill” passed, because of hundreds of contacts by CCL members the bill that passed was 25% less damaging than it would have been otherwise.

Two publications locally: one a “Saving Green” by Leonard about impacts of diets on climate and another by thirteen-year-old Ella Mae Chacon about growing your own food and using native plants. Both were in the *Moscow-Pullman Daily News*.

So far this year we have produced 25 publications.

CCL national encourages chapter to draft a press release about lobbying in Washington, DC.

Climate Activism 101 — Simon: Nothing more since last time. Simon is willing to share his presentations if you want to use them. Possible future venues include the Moscow Public Library, the Whitman County Library in Colfax, and Rotary Club. Leonard will contact them.

Contacting our Members of Congress on July 22 cclusa.org/take-action – Judy

Phone numbers:

Rep. Russ Fulcher (ID): 202-225-6611


Rep. Michael Baumgartner (WA): 202-225-2006

Sen. Mike Crapo (ID): 202-224-6142

Sen. James Risch (ID): 202-224-2752

Sen. Maria Cantwell (WA): 202-224-3441

Sen. Patty Murray (WA): 202-224-2621

 When you call, here's what to say:

I am a constituent who lives in [YOUR TOWN]. People from my community are visiting your office today as part of Citizens' Climate Lobby's annual lobby day. We're talking with Republicans and Democrats alike, building support for federal policy that will help ensure America's energy is affordable, reliable, and clean. Please know that the folks visiting your office represent many more of us here in [YOUR TOWN], and please listen to what they have to say. Thank you!

🌟 Bonus: If you want to go above and beyond with in-district engagement to support our D.C. lobby meetings, consider planning a drop-off of constituent letters at your member's district office in the days leading up to our July 22 Lobby Day. (Note: call first. Sen. Crapo's Lewiston office is often closed)

We can each call.

Make sure to call the day before.

We'll write a press release after lobby day

SunDay Electric Transportation Fair, 12-3 p.m., Sunday, September 21, 2025, PCEI – Leonard

Currently we are discussing details with PCEI people. The cost of the band (\$400) is the only expense for us. There is no charge for people to exhibit, but we will ask for a voluntary \$100 sponsorship.

Leonard and Mac have spoken to the City of Moscow Sustainable Environment Committee about both our planned events, and Leonard subsequently asked them to become a co-sponsor with us. The end of their fiscal year is in September and if they have a little money left, they may help with SunDay.

Note: Paradise Creek Bicycles has closed their store but now offer mobile service. Leonard will check if they still want to participate.

The food truck is Mariana's Tamales – they get money from their sales.

Future places for publicity: NPR community calendar, PSAs, flyers in bike shops and car dealers, KRFP Radio Free Moscow, Pullman Radio. A "Saving Green" article about it would also help.

Building Electrification and Efficiency Initiative – Mac, Marilyn, Judy

Energy Efficiency and Electrification Fair, Spring 2026

Mac and Leonard presented to the City of Moscow Sustainable Environment Commission. Their budget is being reduced so they might not be able to help financially but they are on board. They suggested that CCL write a letter directly to the city asking for support.

The 1912 Center Great Room is half price for nonprofits--\$60/hr. Judy talked to Schweitzer (SEL) and is waiting for them to get back to her. Mac will keep contacting City of Moscow because even if they can't give monetary support their endorsement will provide legitimacy. Judy will talk to Marilyn about the Pullman Sustainability Commission; it may be more effective to go directly to the Pullman City Council.

Pete Chittenden, the Pullman Chamber of Commerce director, is excited about it.

Spring break for Pullman public schools, April 6-10, is different than for WSU, U of I, and Moscow Public Schools, who will hold their spring breaks March 13-22. The Jazz Festival is in late April. Possible dates for us would be March 7 or March 28.

Rockland, ME has held an Electrification fair and is a smaller community so may be more relevant to us. Mac spoke to their community development director who was happy to provide information.

Possible panel discussion topics include Electric Vehicles, heat pumps, solar panels and more efficient appliances.

CCL Parade Participation –

The July 4 Johnson Parade featured Simon's Strandbeest creation.

Lentil Festival Parade, Pullman, August 16. Must register by Aug 8? Leonard Garrison will do this. Leonard and Shannon will get the signs from Simon, who will be out of town.

Climate Reporting Resources – Leonard distributed a list of get climate news sources. HEATMAP is very good. Skeptical Science is good for LTEs.

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- **Lobbying Congress** - Ian (Senator Risch ID), Leonard (Senator Crapo, ID), Judy (Rep. Baumgartner, WA)
- **National CCL Initiatives:** local team leaders:
 - **Carbon Pricing:** Carbon Border Adjustments– Margaret Davis (lead)
 - **Building Electrification and Efficiency**—Mary DuPree and Mac Cantrell (leads)
 - **Healthy Forests**—Leonard Garrison (lead)
 - **Permitting Reform**
 - **Pullman City** –Marilyn Von Seggern
 - **Moscow City** – Mary DuPree Saving Green Columns
 - **Tabling** – Simon Smith Simon will be gone Aug 10 – 20th or so.
 - **Agriculture and rural issues**—Judy Meuth, Bill Voxman, Kathy Dawes
 - **Publications** – Judy Meuth; Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
- **Social Media** –
- **Presentations** – Simon Smith, Judy Meuth

Continuing Individual Actions

- Watch the monthly national call on the 3rd Saturday of the month on CCL Community
- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send photos and info about CCL and our activities to Margaret Davis

August meetings usually are social events, and Leonard Garrison and Shannon Scott will host a social at their home, 270 Pintail Ln in Moscow at the regular meeting time, Thursday, August 19 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

July 30 system change webinar will be in the follow-up email.