

# GLOBAL WARMING COALITION

SPRING 2026



## MISSION STATEMENT: DOUGLAS COUNTY GLOBAL WARMING COALITION

A catalyst for:

Promoting a healthy climate for our community and future generations.

Identifying and sharing solutions through awareness, advocacy and collaboration.

## REMEMBERING THE BELLS OF RHYMNEY

“For the rich world, adaptation is prudent. For the poor world, it is survival.”

The Guardian Editorial following COP 30

The exploitation and cruelty of the fossil fuel industry spans a century. The above titled song describes a coal miners’ strike in Wales in 1927. Today, Donald Trump and his fossil fuel fanatics have extended their poisonous reach to the entire planet. As homage to those workers, we shall use the lines of the song as descriptive of the paragraphs, which follow.

### ‘WHAT WILL YOU GIVE ME?’

#### SAY THE SAD BELLS OF RHYMNEY’

Trump has given us the end of the seventeen-year-old Supreme Court Endangerment Finding. This allowed the regulation and limitation of greenhouse gas emissions. Trump and his fossil fuel allies have now overturned this finding, declaring CO<sub>2</sub> poses no danger to our health.

As a result, CO<sub>2</sub> can no longer be limited or regulated:

- Not for coal
- Not for gas
- Not for oil
- Not for transportation

Our country, the second largest emitter of climate pollution and the worst offender since the Industrial Revolution, will know no constraints. The original Finding was based on two hundred pages of research. And Trump’s action flies in the face of this observation by Professor Robert Howarth of Cornell University: “The basic science on greenhouse gases from fossil fuels as a driver of climate change has been clear for over a century.”

### ‘THEY HAVE FANGS. THEY HAVE TEETH’

The attack on our health and the planet will be profound. To meet the target of limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, our emissions must be lowered 50% by 2030. With the elimination of the Endangerment Finding, emissions will actually increase

## CALENDAR

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition presents

### A RALLY FOR THE CLIMATE

Saturday, April 11th — Noon

Along Stewart Parkway across from Sherms Information — 541-672-9819

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition In Partnership with Umpqua Watersheds presents

### EARTH DAY AND ENERGY FAIR 2026

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Downtown Roseburg on Main Street Between Oak and Washington Information: 541-672-9819

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### ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS IN OREGON’S CONSTITUTION — NOW IS THE TIME!

Featuring Mel Martin of OCERA

Wednesday, April 8th at 6 pm

Roseburg Public Library Ford Room Information: 541-672-9819

10% over the next thirty years. The result: 58,000 additional premature deaths and increase of 37 million asthmatic attacks. Hitting Home: 70,000 deaths from wildfire smoke. Paraphrasing William Jennings Bryan:

Mankind shall be crucified on a cross of coal.

### ‘OH, THEY PLUNDER WILLY NILLY’

Trump and his fossil fuel minions have made it clear: Profits justify pollution. Trump has made sure coal plants scheduled for retirement will stay operating at a cost to consumers of three billion dollars over the next three years. And Trump has pledged 625 million dollars to help the coal industry survive and thrive. But it’s not enough to prop up fossil fuels. He must crush clean energy competition by:

- ✘ Stopping more than sixty wind and solar farms on Federal lands.
- ✘ Fatally delaying wind and solar projects on private lands including 73,000 megawatts of solar.
- ✘✘ Stopping 2.5 million homes worth of offshore wind.
- ✘✘ Cancelling or revising 83 billion dollars in clean energy loans.

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# PROMOTE GLOBAL COOLING

☠ Denying wind and solar companies' access to taxpayer databases needed for permit approval.  
 As the Clean Power Association noted: "At some point, the uncertainty becomes so corrosive to the financing of projects that things are bound to fail."

**'THROW THE VANDALS IN COURT!'**

As of this writing, seventeen organizations have filed a lawsuit challenging Trump's overturning the Endangerment Finding. Here is a sample:

- ✓ The Natural Resource Defense Council: "These slapdash legal arguments should be laughed out of court."
- ✓ From the Sierra Club: "You can't stand by... because you're scared of a negative ruling from the Supreme Court."
- ✓ Governor Newsom of California: "California will sue to challenge this illegal action and will continue to regulate greenhouse gas emissions."

Collectively, the States in these lawsuits represent 25% of the United States population.

**'IS THERE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?'**

Because of Trump's actions, an additional 32 billion metric tons of climate pollution will be released. Can the individual states make up for this — States like Colorado, which increased their available electric vehicles rebates? Unfortunately, not every blue state will take action, certainly not every red state will do so. To make matters worse, Congress is considering legislation granting lawsuit immunity for the fossil fuel industry. And Trump has threatened to stop state climate action by declaring a national emergency. As for looking to the Supreme Court, three of the sitting Justices voted against the original Endangerment Finding.

**'EVEN GOD IS UNEASY'**

And why not? After two years of falling emissions, our emissions rose last year, thanks to burning 13% more coal. Deaths in the United States from heat waves have doubled. Even American travelers abroad experienced a 30% increase in Dengue Fever, a tropical disease, over the previous year.

I will end with one last line from the Bells of Rhymney. And I shall do so without comment. For the conclusion depends on how much we who would preserve the planet fight those who would plunder the planet. And the last line is this:

**'ALL WILL BE WELL IF... IF... IF...'**



**Ask Doctor Cool!\***  
**An advice column for the warm-weary.**



Dear Dr. Cool,

*Isn't it time to get rid of those heavy electric vehicles? Every time I hit a pothole, I feel like I'm in a rut and EVs are the cause. They say these EVs are paving the way to the future but that's all we'll do if that's what we drive. My wife says I should do my share to spare our roads and lose weight. As far as I'm concerned, although RFK Jr. has turned the food pyramid upside down, EVs should be at the bottom. Come on, Dr. Cool, give me the real skinny on EVs.*

Signed,  
 Miles Darden  
 1000 Rode-A-Dendron Lane  
 Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. D,

EVs are the best way to put on Miles, Darden. It's the ultimate low carb (carbon dioxide) diet. As for saving our paving, they certainly pull their weight. Without an engine, transmission and fuel tank, these EVs generally weigh only a few hundred extra pounds. And studies show that the impact of these few extra pounds is negligible. The real culprit: 80,000 pound semi-trucks, which do 2,500 times more damage than a 4,000 pound car. So go buy an EV. There's really no reason to weight. By the way, in the 1950's, the heaviest person on record was the same named Miles Darden. Miles tipped the scales at 1,000 pounds. Even so, an EV would have fit him just fine.



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THE DOUGLAS COUNTY GLOBAL WARMING COALITION

INVITES YOU TO:

# A RALLY FOR THE CLIMATE

**Saturday,  
APRIL 11th—NOON  
ALONG Stewart Parkway,  
ACROSS FROM SHERMS**

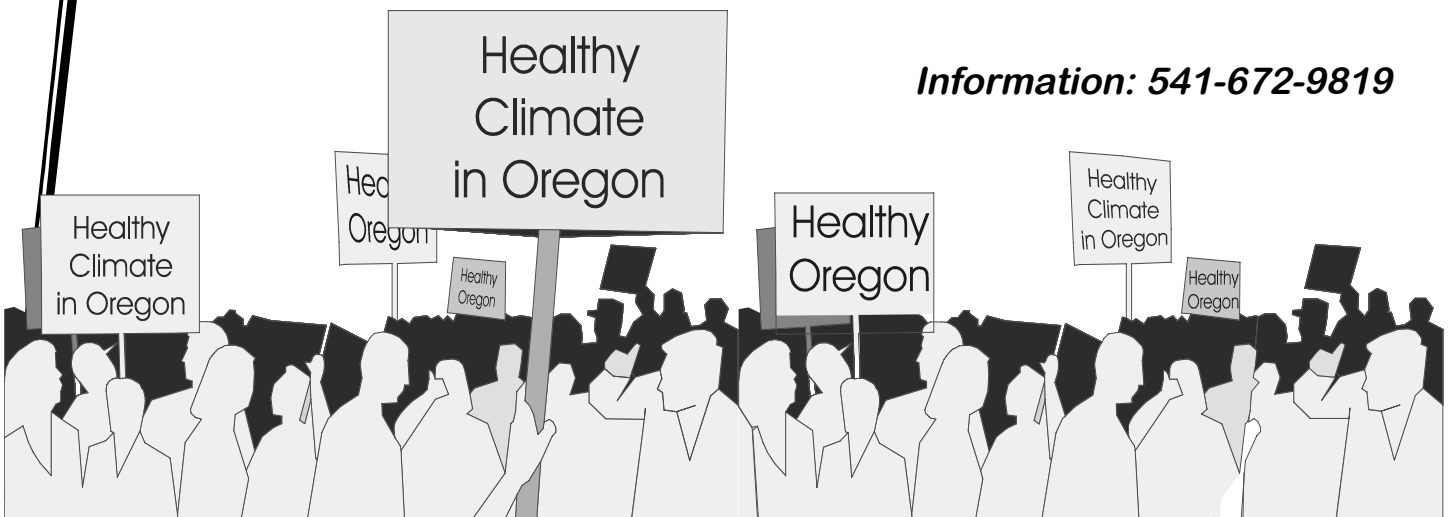
**STAND UP FOR A HEALTHY CLIMATE FUTURE  
SAY NO TO THE POLLUTERS WHO ARE POISONING OUR PLANET**

**DONALD TRUMP WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE:**

-  **FOSSIL FUELS ARE HARMLESS**
-  **CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY IS A THREAT TO OUR COUNTRY**

**WITH THE FATE OF THE PLANET AT STAKE,  
WE CANNOT AFFORD TO REMAIN SILENT.  
NOW IS THE TIME TO RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR THE CAUSE!**

**Information: 541-672-9819**



## JUST WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

**Making Polluters Pay For Their Movie “Forest Stump”:** The Coalition worked with our State allies to lobby for a bill requiring polluters of the climate pay for the damages they caused through wildfires. This included organizing testimony and petition submissions.

**Either A Lender Or A Borrower Be:** The Coalition also worked with our State allies lobbying the Oregon legislature for a bill that would require utilities to pay for the installation of heat pumps and other energy upgrades. Customers would pay for the costs over time with the money saved.

**Opposing The ICE Escapades:** The Coalition joined with our County residents in a rally protesting the brutal and cruel treatment of immigrants by ICE.

## JUST WHAT WILL YOU BE UP TO?

**The Climate Cult Lives!:** The Coalition will be holding a Rally for the Climate protesting the unprecedented assault on renewable energy and the climate by Trump. *(see flyer inside)*

**We’re Starting To Make This A Habit:** The Coalition will be helping organize the Second Annual Downtown Earth Day and Energy Fair. *(see the flyer inside)*

**Morning Becomes Electric... And The Afternoon... And The Evening:** The Coalition will begin a campaign publicizing the benefits of going electric both in terms of the environment and costs.

**We Go A Long To Get A Long:** Because of generous donations, we will sponsor for the fourth year a scholarship for a student in Oregon State University’s Climate Science Program.



**WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO PUT YOUR CLIMATE  
COMMITMENT INTO ACTION?  
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# DETROIT SHOULD LISTEN TO WILLIE SUTTON

*It's difficult to future-proof your company against stupid.*  
Bob Soporito, former editor of Fortune

It was Willie who, when asked why he robbed banks, famously said, “Because that’s where the money is.” Unfortunately, because of Trump’s war on electric vehicles, Detroit is turning away from electric vehicles — even though that is where the money will be. Here is a sample:

- ⊗ Thanks to a loss of subsidies and the end of regulations, General Motors switched its EV plant to the production of gas guzzling SUVs.
- ⊗ Ford ended production of its all-electric F-150 Lightning.

As a result, how out of step are we with the rest of the world?

- ☉ Globally, 25% of all new cars sold are EVs.
- ☉ Nearly half of all new car sales in China are EVs.
- ☉ In Norway, that figure is 90%.
- ☉ The Chinese company, BYD, is selling its low priced EVs to more than 70 countries.

As for America, our tariffs basically exclude BYD while our own manufacturing sector saw a decline in jobs last year. Mr. Soporito sarcastically noted that Trump’s war on EVs is like declaring all music be on vinyl instead of digital and perhaps he might also ban cruise control. He concluded by saying: “This isn’t industrial policy. It’s industrial suicide.”



## WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT? WE’RE UBER ALLIES NOW

UBER is offering its drivers a grant of \$4,000 toward the purchase of an electric vehicle. Even more impressive is their commitment to electric charging stations. UBER is offering incentives to other companies to install EV chargers throughout the United States and Europe. The company will guarantee that chargers installed where its drivers live or pick up or drop off passengers would be used by them a minimum amount of time. As a result, the chargers will be open to anyone and could be particularly useful to renters who cannot charge at home. In spite of Trump’s war on EV’s, the number of chargers in the United States increased 30% last year. Plans for new charger locations include New York, Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco, London, Paris and Madrid.

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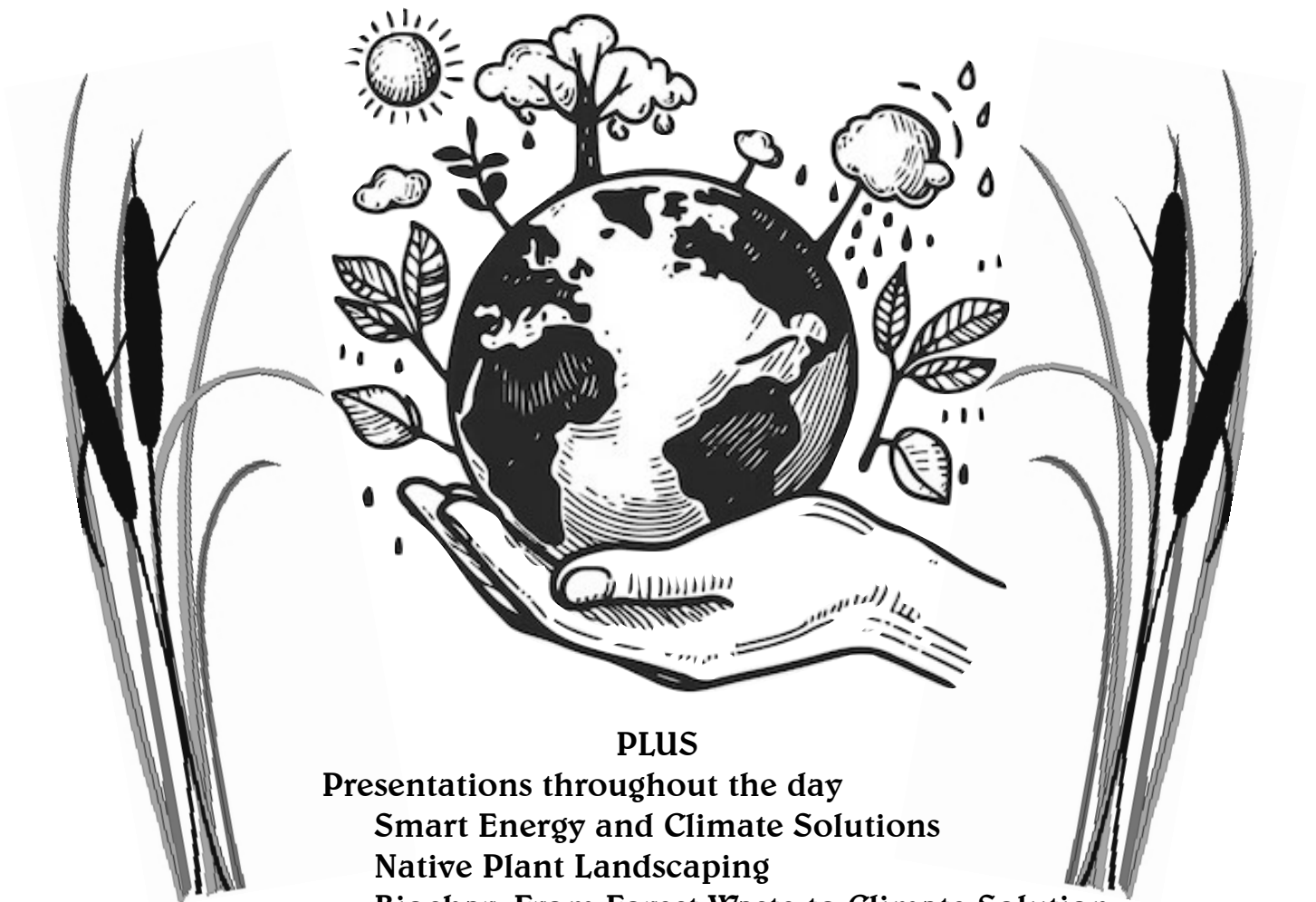
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**PLUS**

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**Smart Energy and Climate Solutions**

**Native Plant Landscaping**

**Biochar: From Forest Waste to Climate Solution**

**How Our Food Choices Affect The World**

**The Crater Lake Wilderness Proposal**

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# THE SALEM REPORT



The legislature met in short session, where it is exceedingly difficult to get new bills passed. We had hoped that Trump's relentless attack on the climate might create a sense of urgency among legislators. Such was not the case. Nonetheless, we laid the foundation for future consideration next year. These were our priorities:

## THE CLIMATE SUPERFUND BILL PROVED KRYPTONITE TO LEGISLATORS

This bill would have required climate polluters to pay for their damages to Oregon over the last twenty years. The money raised would primarily be dedicated to wild-fire adaptation. At the public hearing, over 80% of written and oral testimony favored the bill. In addition, over 1,800 people signed a petition in favor and 200 people showed up on our lobby day to talk to their representatives. As a result, the bill passed out of its initial committee for the first time but failed to advance. However, we have laid the foundation for next year.

## IF POLLUTERS WON'T PAY, WHY SHOULD UTILITIES?

A bill that would require utilities to fund heat pumps and other energy upgrades for low and moderate income households, with costs paid out of the savings generated also failed to advance.

## JULIET, JULIET, WHEREFORE ART THOU JULIET?

The 'Balcony Bill' which would have provided plug-in solar, particularly beneficial to renters, also failed to pass. Modeled after a recently passed Utah bill, it would provide solar panels typically three feet by five feet on each side and can plug into a standard wall outlet. This bill is under consideration in 23 other States but Oregon will have to wait until next year.

## A CURE FOR THE COMMON CODE

On a positive note, building codes were updated. Starting in October, any new house in Oregon will be 27% more efficient. In addition, any new home that will have cooling must have a heat pump. These changes will save residents an average of \$125 per month.

# FEDERAL REPORT:

## WE BROKE IT. YOU FIX IT

With many States and cities pursuing lawsuits against the fossil fuel industry, these polluters will not stand for it. So the Supreme Court has agreed to take up a challenge to Boulder, Colorado's lawsuit insisting on payment for damages caused by these companies.

Lawmakers in Utah and Oklahoma have introduced immunity bills for the fossil fuel industry and sixteen Republican Attorneys General proposed creating a liability shield similar to one shielding gun manufacturers.

Not content to rely on states and the courts, Representative Harriet Hageman of Wyoming is prepared to introduce this type of legislation on the national level.

Stated Multnomah County Commission Chair Jessica Vega Pederson: "These businesses knew their products were unsafe and harmful and they lied about it. They have profited massively from their lies and left the rest of us to suffer the consequences and pay for the damages." We say enough is enough.



Over the last twenty years, Oregonians have suffered from the impacts of climate change — from heat waves and floods to wildfires. Justice demands that the climate polluters pay for the pain they caused. In the most recent State legislative session, we took a step forward in making this happen by supporting a Climate Superfund bill requiring polluters to pay up. Bravo! to all our supporters who submitted testimony or signed the petition in favor of this important bill. Because of these efforts, we laid the groundwork for passage next year.

# PAUL SIMON DIDN'T GET IT QUITE RIGHT

In one of his songs, he stated, "Something tells me it's all happening at the zoo." But throughout the world, outside of the zoo, animals are helping fight climate change.

## **Have No Fear, Dorothy**

Tigers play a key role in maintaining the health of forest ecosystems that effectively sequester carbon. In India, for example, forests inhabited by tigers contained three times the carbon density than forests without them.

## **If They Were The Kings Of Deforest**

The deforestation of the Amazon begs for restoration. Fortunately, tapirs love to roam degraded forests. And as they do, they leave trails of seeds in their waste — helping with forest rehabilitation.

## **Kelp! It Needs Somebody**

It's sea otters to the rescue. Kelp is an excellent carbon sequesterer. Sea otters, by feasting on sea urchins, allow the kelp to thrive.

## **Climate Change Is A Shell Game**

Not for oysters. As sea levels rise leading to flooding, oyster reefs act as walls to buffer storms.

## **I Can Only Imagine Scotty's Joy**

In the movie "Star Trek IV," Scotty declared: "There be whales here." Thankfully, they are still with us. Every whale sequesters 33 tons of carbon in their lifetime. In addition, their waste supports phytoplankton which captures 40% of all carbon dioxide produced globally.

## **Elephants' Reaction To Climate Change:**

### **Tusk! Tusk!**

As the forest elephants roam, they stamp out invasive plant species which in turn allows large trees to grow and store carbon. Without the elephants, it is estimated that Africa's rainforest would lose seven per cent of its ability to store carbon.

In his song, Paul Simon wrongly described elephants as kindly but they're dumb. Today, he might update that to describe Trump's attitude toward climate change as unkindly but it's dumb.

# WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, ALGAE?

In Greenland, it's about algae making the ice melt faster. Greenland is shedding hundreds of billions of tons of ice each year, raising sea levels as it does. The algae blooms block the ice's ability to reflect the sun's heat, thereby speeding up melting. And as it thaws, ground nutrients are exposed, causing more algae blooms and creating a feedback loop. The more it

blooms, the more it melts. The more it melts, the more it blooms.

If all of Greenland's ice melted, sea levels around the world would rise as much as 23 feet. According to this study, the algae are responsible for thirteen percent of the melting in Southeast Greenland.

## **J U S T   T H E   F A C T S   M A ' A M**

Ever feel you miss information because of climate deniers' misinformation?

**Myth:** More carbon dioxide helps plants grow, so it will be a boon to agriculture and help feed the world.

**Fact:** I have a poster, which reads: 'Everything I need to know I learned from Star Trek.' In the episode 'The Trouble With Tribbles,' these poor Tribbles ate poisoned grain. The effect was the more they ate the less nutrition until they starved to death. Which leads to my own episode.

### **THE TROUBLE WITH CO<sub>2</sub>**

A study at Leiden University in the Netherlands revealed that while CO<sub>2</sub> made food more caloric, it also made it less nutri-

tious and possibly more toxic. That's because lead levels were found to increase.

### **EVERYTHING BUT THE KITCHEN ZINC**

Another result of the study showed zinc levels in chickpeas decreased up to 37.5%. As far as other crops, rice and wheat showed a significant decrease in protein, zinc and iron. Researchers warned of devastating health consequences including 'hidden hunger' where people have sufficient food calories but insufficient nutrition.

Yes, if we continue along this troubling path of global warming, we'll soon all be able to say:

## **WE'RE ALL TRIBBLES NOW!**

## **SO WHAT ELSE IS NEWS?**

### **AROUND THE GLOBE**

#### **THE BRITISH ARE HUMMING!**

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And the tune you hear is record-breaking wind power. On one December morning, it generated over 23 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 23 million homes. That amount accounted for nearly half of Britain's electricity. The goal is to double the amount of wind power over the next seven years.

#### **DONALD TRUMP**

#### **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHAMPION?**

In his own special, perverse way, Trump has caused Canada to turn to EVs. As a result of Trump's tariffs that have harmed Canada's auto industry, Canadian Prime Minister Carney has announced a sweeping plan to offer billions of dollars in incentives and tax credits to help turn Canada into a global EV leader. Stated engineering Professor John Halveston of George Washington University "I see this as Canada deciding to be an adult and start putting forth policies to embrace the future."

#### **BRITAIN RISKS A RUSSIAN INVASION**

While Donald Trump is tearing down offshore wind farms because of "national security," Britain is offering guaranteed electricity prices to these companies as an incentive. It is expected to generate \$30 billion in investments, more than the \$25 billion in wind farms Trump is trying to stop here. These new wind farms will power 12 million homes.

#### **DUTCH TREATMENT**

A Dutch court ruled that the Netherlands violated the human rights of the residents of the tiny Caribbean island of Bonaire, a Dutch territory, by failing to protect them from the effects of climate change. These effects include threats to mangrove forests and coral reefs, sea level rise, high temperatures, storms and flooding. The Court ordered the government to set greenhouse gas reductions within eighteen months and formulate an adaptation plan for Bonaire in four years.

#### **DONALD TRUMP'S CHINA FIRST POLICY**

That is the result of his tariffs and war on solar. With 600 million Africans without electricity, China has stepped in. Last year saw a 50% rise in Chinese imports of solar to Africa and 6,700 miles of transmission lines to South Africa to make it happen.

### **AROUND THE NATION**

#### **TRUMP'S POLLUTION SOLUTION.**

#### **DON'T BREATHE**

The Trump Administration has proposed a plan to limit the ability of States to block oil and gas pipelines as well as coal export terminals. States would not be allowed to count air pollution as a reason for stopping

them. The plan will also limit the time States have to act to a maximum of one year.

#### **IT'S BEST TO LEAVE BEFORE**

#### **THEY ASK YOU TO**

In that spirit, Trump pulled out of all International Climate organizations. They include:

- ☛ The UN Framework Convention On Climate Change.
- ☛ The Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change.
- ☛ The International Renewable Energy Association.
- ☛ The International Solar Alliance.

But I hear there is an opening with the American Petroleum Institute.

#### **DELAYING RETIREMENT**

#### **WILL NOT HELP SOCIAL SECURITY**

Nor will it help the environment as Trump delayed the retirement of several coal plants including two coal plants in Indiana. Noted Sanya Carley of the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at the University of Pennsylvania: The Indiana utilities had plans in place to produce electricity without these coal plants. The extra costs of keeping them running will be borne by Indiana homes and businesses.

#### **OBVIOUSLY, TRUMP DIDN'T LISTEN**

#### **TO PAUL SIMON**

When evaluating whether and how much to control pollution, the Environmental Protection Agency balanced the cost to human life with the cost impact on businesses. Not any longer. The only thing they will now consider is the cost to business. As Paul Simon warned "All my wealth won't buy me health." Unfortunately, for the rest of us, we'll get neither.

#### **THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO KILL PEOPLE**

Trump signed an executive order requiring the Pentagon to buy its electricity from coal. Last year, electricity from coal increased 13%, leading to greater U.S. carbon emissions.

#### **AND I GUESS THE SOUTH**

#### **DIDN'T REALLY START THE CIVIL WAR**

Fort Sumpter, where the South fired the first shot of the Civil War, is threatened by rising sea levels due to climate change. Or maybe not. Trump ordered the taking down of a sign that detailed the risks Fort Sumpter is facing from the impacts of climate change.

Researchers estimate the sea levels would rise three feet by century's end. And when that happens, for sure no one will see that climate change sign.

#### **RONALD REAGAN WOULD BE PROUD**

For it was he who proclaimed, "You've seen one Redwood, you've seen them all." To make sure Fort Sumpter didn't feel singled out, Trump removed a plaque among the Redwoods noting these trees store greenhouse gas emissions.

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**MICHIGAN TAKES ON THE OIL SHOW:  
'THE PRICE IS WRONG'**

A climate suit by the State of Michigan claimed the big oil companies colluded to keep oil prices high by stifling wind and solar and spreading disinformation about global warming. Trump countersued to stop them but was rejected by a Michigan judge. Michigan is the 11th State to file a climate lawsuit naming Exxon-Mobil, Chevron, BP, Shell and the American Petroleum Institute as defendants.

**OFFSHORE WIND FARMS RESIST HOT AIR**

Four offshore wind farms were halted by Trump in mid-construction. Judges overruled Trump's orders and allowed them to be completed. The four projects were Revolution Wind off Rhode Island, Empire Wind of New York, Coastal Offshore Wind off Virginia and Vineyard Wind off Massachusetts.

**THE NAYS OF TEXAS WERE UPON YOU**

Texas passed a law prohibiting State agencies from doing business with firms boycotting fossil fuels. A Texas judge declared the law unconstitutional. The judge was a Trump appointee.

**THEY DIDN'T EVEN NEED A CONE OF SILENCE**

Trump's Energy Department handpicked five climate deniers to come up with a bogus report discrediting climate science. Compounding their sins, they met in secret a dozen times. A Reagan appointed judge ruled this a violation of law. The Cone of Silence was a device in the TV series 'Get Smart,' something climate deniers seem unable to do.

**EPA'S MILEAGE RATINGS MIGHT NOW BE  
POSTED AT FEET PER GALLON**

Trump's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has virtually eliminated miles per gallon requirements by

refusing to penalize carmakers for violating existing standards. Meanwhile, China is moving in the opposite direction going full steam ahead on electric vehicles. As one spokesperson for the Center for Biological Diversity put it: "Trump is telling American manufacturers 'You guys go build gasoline cars.' The Chinese government is telling its manufacturers 'You go build the advanced vehicles that are going to take over the world.'"

**AROUND THE REGION**

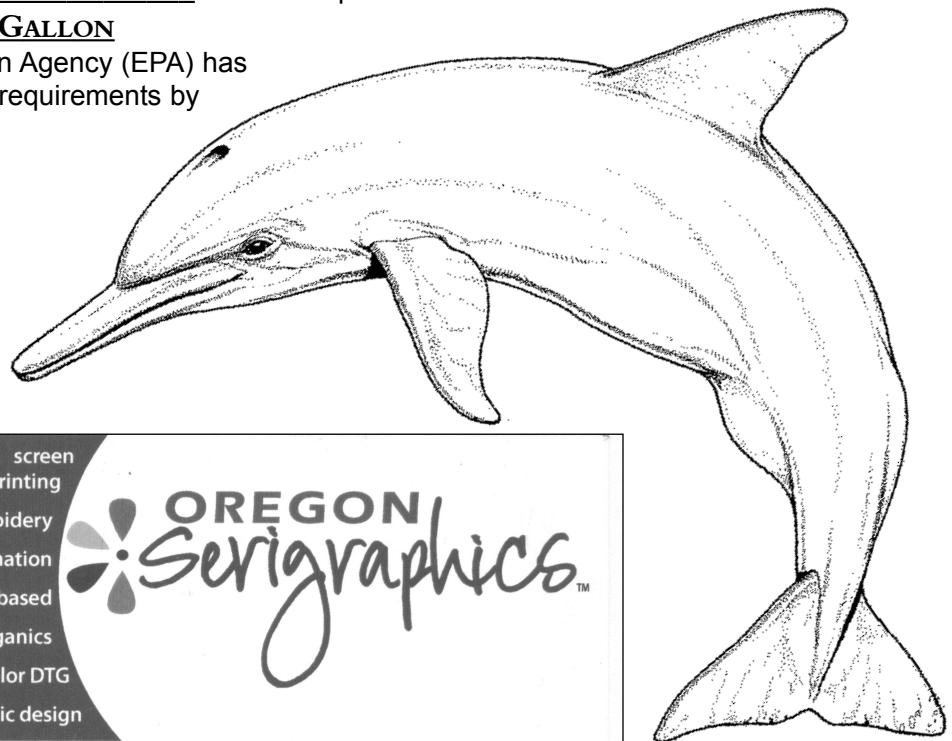
**ODOE BE OH DOUGH!**

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) announced nearly \$12 million awarded from its Community Renewable Energy Grant Funds. These included:

- ☀ For the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, a \$100,000 grant for planning a tribal-wide renewable solar plus storage project.
- ☀ A solar energy system to the Salem Housing Authority to offset energy costs for 114 low-income apartments for seniors.
- ☀ An award of \$219,500 for a solar array and energy storage to the Pinehurst Elementary School.

**THE UFO LEAVES STUDENTS  
BOILING MAD**

The steam boiler at the University of Oregon already burns 43,000 million Btu's of dirty fossil gas in a typical January. Over the objections of students and the community, the UofO increased its output 71,000 million Btu's and sent the excess to their utility company EWEB. This increase is equal to burning over four million pounds of coal.



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- ☀ **Bad News For The Polar Bear Club:** Best known for plunging into icy waters for a swim, said club may have to change its name. The world's oceans set a heat record in 2025, something which has occurred almost every year this century. The heat absorbed by the ocean is equal to 200 times the amount of electricity used globally. Hottest areas were the North and South Atlantic, the North Pacific and the Southern ocean surrounding the Arctic. *(The Guardian citing the journal Advances in Atmospheric Sciences, 1/20/26)*
- ☀ **You Don't Want To Know Who Is Keeping The Books:** To meet the target of limiting the global temperature increase to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius, the richest 1% of the world would need to reduce their emissions 97% by 2050. So how are they doing? The top 1% this year used up their 'carbon budget' in the first ten days. And the top 0.1%? They took only three days to use up their allotted budget. *(The Guardian, 1/20/26)*
- ☀ **Don't Worry. We Have Lots Of Billionaires Who Can Pay For This:** The cost of disasters in the United States last year reached \$115 billion. Fueled by wildfires, disaster costs topped 100 billion dollars for the fifth time in six years and well above the 67 billion dollar average since 1980. The twenty-one storms they spawned was also a record. Since Trump ordered NOAA to stop tracking these disasters, data is now collected by the organization Climate Central. *(New York Times, 1/9/26)*
- ☀ **Clearly, That's Not All That's Dense:** Because of the increase in CO<sub>2</sub>, our atmosphere will become more dense when fierce solar storms occur. Why is that important? Satellites responsible for GPS and the Internet will experience a premature re-entry. These types of storms are expected to occur at least three times over the next sixty years. *(Astronomy Magazine, December 2025)*
- ☀ **Time To Rewrite The Rime Of The Ancient Mariner:** An analysis of satellite data over two decades showed much of Europe's water reserves drying up due to climate change. Scientists at the University College, London said this should be a wake-up call for cutting emissions. *(The Guardian, November, 2025)*
- ☀ **The Lovin' Spoonful Had It Wrong:** In 2025, thousands of cities around the world had their hottest temperature since 1950, including 750 in China alone. As for all-time highs, 1,200 cities made that claim while only one city had its coldest year ever. Last year was the third hottest year on record, with the last eleven years the hottest eleven on record. As for the Lovin' Spoonful, their hit should be revised to: 'Hot Town Summer in the city and Spring in the city and Fall in the city...' *(New York Times, 1/23/26)*
- ☀ **Hey, Donald! You Melt It, You Own It!:** Thanks to a warming world, Greenland's ice shrank 2,000 square miles between 1985 and 2022. And in the twelve month period ending in August, Greenland lost 105 billion metric tons of ice. As a result, it is slowing our ocean currents which, in turn, affects weather patterns. *(New York Times, 1/16/26)*
- ☀ **In Australia, Joeys Are Demanding Air-Conditioned Pouches:** Australia continues to swelter under the impact of climate change. January temperatures ranged between 106 and 122 degrees — the latter marking only the eighth time in the country's history to reach that high. Scientists concluded that global warming made these temperatures five times more likely. In the last three months of 2025, renewables contributed over 50% of the country's electricity for the first time. So in light of all this, what does the government do? It approves the expansion of coal mines, which will release 236 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over their lifetimes. *(The Guardian, 1/20/26)*
- ☀ **Carrying Genesis A Bit Too Far:** Artificial light is exacerbating climate change. Satellite data shows this 'light pollution' is increasing the amount of carbon released by plants and animals. Although artificial light is increasing 2% each year, climate models are not accounting for it. *(Astronomy Magazine, March, 2026)*
- ☀ **I'm Glad Trump Stopped Listening To Those Climate Alarmists:** Here is what one climate alarmist group warned. With a temperature increase of three degrees Celsius: Catastrophic ice sheet melts, a potential sea level rise of around four feet, dramatic impacts on agriculture. The cause: fossil fuels and deforestation. And who was this climate alarmist group? The oil giant Exxon in a memo forty years ago.
- ☀ **So Who Needs Oil From Venezuela?:** Not California, as total electric vehicle sales totaled 2.5 million over the last fourteen years. In the past year, EV sales accounted for nearly 23% of all cars sold. *(Veloz, 1/12/26)*
- ☀ **Don't Leave Fossil Fuels Out In The Cold:** An analysis by the Union of Concerned Scientists showed 80% of major power outages in the United States were due to extreme weather. These weather related outages have doubled over the last ten years. As for the effect of extreme cold on wind power, those temperatures bring strong, gusty Arctic winds — a boon for offshore wind power. *(reported 2/13/26)*



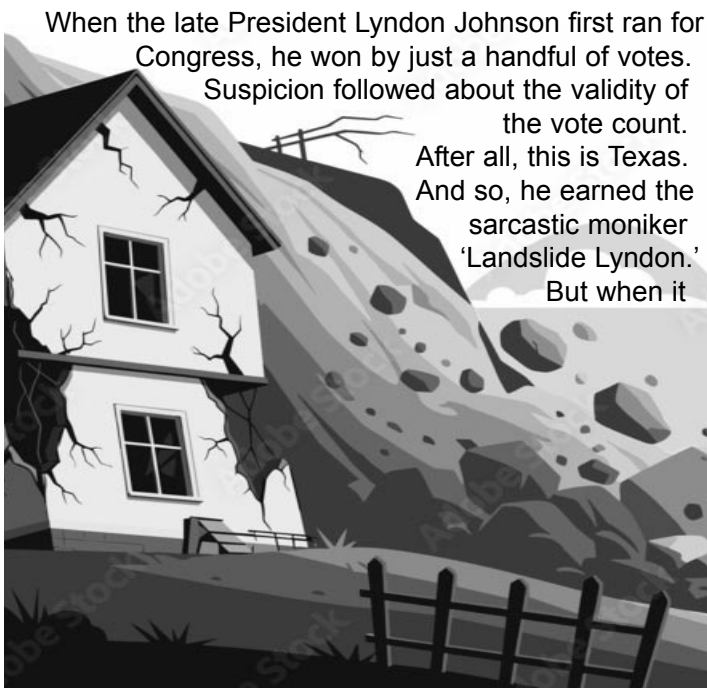
## WHEN YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN

Coral reefs support 25% of all marine species while covering less than 1% of the ocean floor. But warming oceans are threatening their survival. Off the coast of Mauritius, Dr. Nadeem Nazurally pioneered a selective breeding program producing heat resistant coral reefs. The result: last summer, 80% of coral reefs in this area bleached and died. However, 98% of those heat resistant reefs survived.

Unfortunately, the study also noted: "Concerningly, selective breeding for short stress tolerance did not improve the ability of offspring to survive the long heat stress exposure." Their conclusion... "the effectiveness of such interventions also demands urgent climate action."



## NOT EXACTLY WHAT LYNDON JOHNSON HAD IN MIND



When the late President Lyndon Johnson first ran for Congress, he won by just a handful of votes.

Suspicion followed about the validity of the vote count.

After all, this is Texas.

And so, he earned the sarcastic moniker 'Landslide Lyndon.'

But when it

comes to landslides, Alaska is no stranger. And when it comes to global warming, it is getting stranger still. The number of landslides across Southeast Alaska started to increase in the 1980's and has skyrocketed in recent decades.

Here is why: Scientists have drawn a connection between the increase in temperature — between 1.2 and 3.4 degrees Celsius — and a 3 to 27% increase in precipitation over the last fifty years. These down-pours cause steep slopes to crumble. To make matters worse, when intense rain causes snow to melt, it rapidly saturates hillsides and can make landslides more likely.

These rain on snow events coincided with 80% of all landslides over a forty-year period and will only get worse as the planet warms.

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WITH TRUMP'S AND THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY'S GREEDY ASSAULT ON THE PLANET,  
WHAT BETTER WAY TO CRITIQUE THEIR INDEFENSIBLE ACTIONS THAN  
OUR ABRIDGED VERSION OF BOB DYLAN'S CLASSIC SONG 'MASTERS OF WAR.'

COME YOU MASTERS OF STORMS  
YOU THAT CAUSED ALL THE FLOODS  
THE DROUGHTS IN THE PLAINS  
AND THE HEAT WAVES AND MUD  
BEHIND CORPORATE WALLS  
AND AI TECH DESKS  
WE JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW  
WE CAN SEE THROUGH YOUR MASKS

LET US ASK YOU ONE QUESTION  
IS YOUR MONEY THAT GOOD?  
WILL IT BUY YOU FORGIVENESS?  
DO YOU THINK THAT IT COULD?  
I THINK YOU WILL FIND  
AS YOUR DEATH TAKES ITS TOLL  
ALL THE MONEY YOU MADE  
WILL NEVER BUY BACK YOUR SOUL.

ONE OF MY MOTHER'S FAVORITE SAYINGS WAS  
'I AM THE MASTER OF MY FATE. THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL.'  
HERE'S MY CONTRIBUTION TO HELP MASTER THE CLIMATE'S FATE:

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