

AGENDA Feb 20, 5:30-7:00 pm - Citizens' Climate Lobby
Community Congregational Church, Pullman or via Zoom
(Zoom link and contact info for individuals mentioned below are at the end of this Agenda)

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

Announcements

- Permitting Reform 2.0 – March 12, 7:00 pm on this [Zoom link](#). Mark Rohde and Skip Short, Snohomish CCL – Explanation on the roadblocks to building more renewables.
- Earth Day/Week
 - April 22, 2025, Ruby Park, Pullman – Pizza boxes to biochar
 - CCL presentation at Bishop Place, Pullman
 - Good Food Co-op Stream Cleanup – Sat, April 26, 10:00-12:00, City Playfields at 820 SE South St. <https://www.pullmangoodfoodcoop.com/events>

Communication Skills Exercise – Fix Our Forests Act (see end of agenda)

Proposed Harvest Hills Wind Farm in Whitman County

Discussion – Should Palouse CCL take a position?

Support NOAA - Take a few minutes to send your message in defense of NOAA at <https://tinyurl.com/CCLforNOAA>

Defend the Inflation Reduction Act (social media, LTE) - Mac

“Climate Bootcamp” project — Simon

5 Calls <https://5calls.org/>

Lobby meetings this month – Leonard, Autumn, Kent, Bill E

Palouse CCL 2025 Priorities – Raise your ideas

Lobby local governments, businesses, nonprofits, etc. to join America Is All In? <https://www.americaisallin.com/>

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- **Lobbying Congress** - Ian S.(Senator Risch), Mac (Senator Crapo, ID), Judy (Rep. Michael 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
- **Agriculture and rural issues**—Judy Meuth, Bill Voxman, Kathy Dawes
- **Publications** – Judy Meuth; Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
- **Social Media** – Gisell Zuniga
- **Presentations** – Judy Meuth – Bishop Place Earth Day/Week talk

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 and Gisell Zuniga

Next meeting Mar 20, 5:30-7, 1912 Center Fiske Room, Moscow

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948476493?pwd=9oBlwOswUuteymndoJST9UonkX1Jj0.1>

Meeting ID: 859 4847 6493

Passcode: 939133

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcPzsxgRxy>.

Communication Skills Exercise

Friend: Hey, I saw something about the Fix Our Forests Act on BlueSky today. What's that all about?

CCL Volunteer: It's a bill to address worsening wildfires through better forest management.

Friend: Okay, so what does the forest management part mean exactly?

CCL Volunteer: Well, past practices like aggressively suppressing natural fires, not clearing dead trees, and early timber harvesting have made forests more prone to intense wildfires. The Fix Our Forests Act, or FOFA, aims to fix that.

Friend: So, how does it do that?

CCL Volunteer: It primarily achieves this by speeding up the review process for essential practices while upholding environmental standards, and reducing the risk of frivolous lawsuits while ensuring communities have early and regular opportunities for input.

Friend: That sounds good. Is there opposition?

CCL Volunteer: Some argue it undermines environmental laws, yet it does not alter the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires federal agencies to evaluate the environmental impacts of their proposed actions before making decisions, but does expand categorical exclusions in NEPA to 10,000 acres - a change requested by California and the U.S. Forest Service to better respond to wildfire risk.

Friend: Whoa, what's a categorical exclusion?

CCL Volunteer: Yeah, sorry about jumping ahead there. Under NEPA, a categorical exclusion refers to a category of actions that federal agencies have determined do not normally require an in-depth environmental review because they are not expected to have significant environmental impacts.

Friend: Interesting. So, is this bill likely to become law?

CCL Volunteer: It passed the House on a bipartisan vote with 215 Republican and 64 Democrat votes. It's now in the Senate. Many groups support it, including the National Congress of American Indians, the Western Fire Chiefs Association, and American Forests.

Friend: Okay, that's helpful. Thanks for explaining!