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## AGENDA

The Saturday morning session will present information concerning the challenges Montanans will face from climate change. This will be followed Saturday afternoon by a session presenting some examples of solutions to those challenges.

Late Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning, conference participants will work on developing a "Montana Climate Challenge Document" via facilitated break-out sessions in five topic areas (Agriculture, Forestry, Wildlife, Energy, and Recreation/Tourism/Lifestyles).

Late Sunday morning the break-out sessions will report and the document will be finalized.

The conference cosponsors hope that a use for this document would be adoption by the legislature as a resolution putting Montana's leaders on the record as being concerned about these issues and their solutions. This would be a valuable step in anticipation of the report of Governor Schweitzer's "Climate Change Advisory Council" a year from now.

## AGENDA DETAILS

**Friday, September 22nd** - Reception and Hosted Mixer (see above for details)

**Saturday, September 23rd**

7:30–8:30 **Registration, Rolls & Coffee** - Sponsored by Montana Renewable Energy Association

8:30–8:45 **Opening Comments**

- Tom France, Director, National Wildlife Federation, Northern Rockies Natural Resource Center, Missoula, MT
- Kathy Hadley, Executive Director - Montana, National Center for Appropriate Technology, Butte, MT

8:45–9:30 **Opening Address** - Bill Gerwing, Director of Environmental Policy, BP America

9:30–11:30 **PANEL: The Challenges of Global Warming**

Moderator: Bob Brown, Senior Fellow, Public Policy, O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, Missoula, MT

Panel Members:

- Dr. Steve Running, Ecologist, University of Montana, Missoula [science overview]
- Dr. Dave Naugle, Wildlife Biologist, University of Montana, Missoula [wetlands and waterfowl]
- Dr. Vince Smith, Agricultural Economist, Montana State University, Bozeman [agricultural economics]
- Dr. Ronald H. Wakimoto, Professor of Forestry, The University of Montana, Missoula [fire ecology]

An interactive Q&A period will follow each presentation of panelists.



## Reception and Hosted Mixer ...

Friday evening (Sept. 22) at 7:00 PM at the Myrna Loy Center for the Performing and Media Arts (15 N. Ewing St., Helena, 406-443-0287).

Followed at 8:00 PM of a special free screening of the acclaimed film on climate change "An Inconvenient Truth" (film sponsored by National Center for Appropriate Technology - 1hr 40min - Rated PG - Documentary)

Conferece registration and background materials will be available at the reception.

11:30 –1:00 **Lunch** (provided for conference registrants)

The following events will occur during the lunch break:

11:30–12:10 Lunch

12:10–12:20 Richard Opper, Director, Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Chair of Governor Schweitzer's Montana Climate Change Advisory Council

12:20–1:00 Jordan Gates, Environmental Advisor to Mayor Rocky Anderson, Salt Lake City, UT [includes his award-winning presentation "Effectively combating climate change together"]

1:00 –3:00 **PANEL: Solutions to the Global Warming Challenge**

Moderator: Tracy Houck, Executive Director, Montana Farmers Union, Great Falls, MT  
Panel Members:

- Jerome Ringo, President, Apollo Alliance, Washington, DC ["Economics of Clean Energy and Environmentally Sound Solutions"]
- Ted Dodge, Director, National Carbon Offsets Coalition ["Carbon Sequestration and Cap and Trade Solutions"]
- Michael Bowman, Wheat/Corn/Alfalfa Producer, Bowman Family Farms, Wray, CO and 25x25 Coalition
- Timothy Buroughs, Regional Program Officer, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Policy Institute, Oakland, CA

An interactive Q&A period will follow each presentation of panelists.

3:00–3:15 **Afternoon Break**

3:15–5:30 **FACILITATED BREAK-OUT SESSIONS** - These five sessions will address major topics and develop sections of the Montana Climate Challenge Document

Moderator: Ginny Tribe, Professional Facilitator, Inc., Missoula, MT

- Agriculture Chair - Dave White, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bozeman, MT
- Recreation/Tourism/Lifestyles Chair - Ron Tussing, Mayor, Billings, MT
- Forestry Chair - Jim Burchfield, Associate Dean, College of Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana, Missoula
- Wildlife Chair - Carolyn Sime, VP of the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society and Statewide Wolf Coordinator with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- Energy Chair - John Engen, Mayor, Missoula, MT

5:30–6:45 **Hosted Reception, Red Lion Hotel**

**Sunday, September 24th**

7:30–8:15 **Doors Open** ... coffee and rolls available for participants - Sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation)

8:15–10:00 **Continuation** of break-out sessions and reports on break-out sessions

10:00–10:20 **Coffee Break**

10:20–12:20 **Final Presentation, Drafting and Ratification** of language of Montana Climate Challenge Document

12:20 –12:30 **Closing Comments** - Tom France, Director, National Wildlife Federation, Missoula, MT

## The Climate Challenge Strategies for Montana's Future

### A Conference and Workshop

([www.mtclimatechallenge.org](http://www.mtclimatechallenge.org))

September 22-24, 2006  
Red Lion Colonial Inn, Helena, MT

**Synopsis:** Montanans are already feeling the effects of climate change. Science tells us these effects will only increase in the coming years. Hunters, anglers, farmers, ranchers, business owners and citizens need to know what to expect from these effects; what steps they can take to help mitigate some of the impacts; and policies we can adopt at a state level that will help address these issues.

"The Climate Challenge: Strategies for Montana's Future," a collaborative conference implementing a progressive, proactive approach, will address the growing global climate challenge. Under the guidance of experts from agriculture, industry, economics and conservation, participants will use information exchange and interactive break-out sessions to produce a working strategy for delivery to the Montana Legislature.

