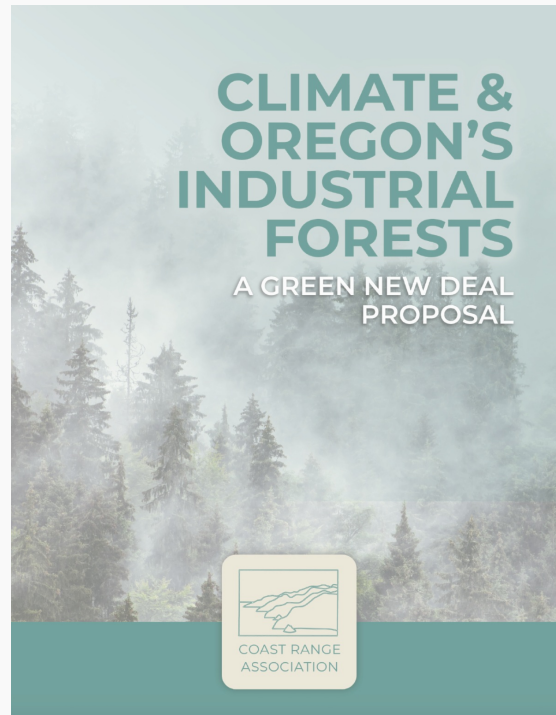


Dear Friends,

On January 21, the Coast Range Association (CRA) unveiled our most ambitious proposal to date. Titled ***Climate and Industrial Forests: A Green New Deal Proposal***, the analysis and recommendations call for replacing Wall Street forest ownership with new, social-benefit enterprises grounded in local communities. Driven by facts of the climate crisis, responding to multiple social and economic problems and guided by House Resolution 109-the Green New Deal (GND), the proposal was written in strong, truthful language. Our effort resulted in a significant contribution to the global climate movement.



The document is the first rural-lands-focused proposal that robustly speaks to a socially just and equitable forest carbon solution.

I write to discuss the GND proposal, provide an update on the CRA's exciting 2021 programs and, as I must, ask that you **continue your support** of the CRA's work.

Ways to Donate

You rely on and trust the Coast Range Association to

Our analysis, proposals and advocacy are arguably the most important non-governmental work occurring in the Pacific Northwest. Only your donations make our cutting edge work possible.

This April 3, the highest ever daily average of atmospheric Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) was recorded at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii. For the first time, the atmospheric CO₂ concentration went over 420 parts-per-million (ppm). Last year's concentration was 415ppm.

The record CO₂ concentration occurred in spite of the global pandemic and a massive decline in fuel use for travel. Fossil fuel companies and legions of talk radio climate deniers can say what they want, but the climate crisis is, and will continue to be, unrelenting.

The Paris Climate Accord calls for net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Net zero means significant fossil fuel emissions will remain, but those remaining emissions will be offset by carbon sequestration. How? At the moment, the best approach to sequester atmospheric carbon is through **growing current forests much larger**.

In Oregon, the area of forest has not declined. What has declined is the size and volume of forests.

Decades of overcutting have left **federal forests** a patchwork of former clearcuts amid the last, extent Pacific Northwest native forest. Under the Northwest Forest Plan, Oregon's federal forests are recovering. Yet it will take decades before the effects of past clearcutting are overcome. New forest plans must pivot toward the climate crisis as the foundational mission of federal forest management. Future CRA updates will delve into federal lands management in light of the climate crisis.

The fact is—**private industrial lands** are where the greatest forest recovery is possible. Here once massive forests are fully converted to young plantations. The industrial plantation landscape, singularly managed according to the growth of money, are a small fraction of the prior forest's size. It is to these forests that we wrote the GND proposal. Huge amounts of additional carbon storage are possible if industrial forests were allowed to grow older.

But our most fertile forests can't and won't grow larger if Wall Street firms continue as the forest's owner. I urge you to download and read the [CRA's industrial lands proposal](#). Creative solutions and morally responsible proposals must be shared widely to be embraced. The capacity to communicate is absolutely necessary for ideas to become reality. For the past two years, we have built communication channels we previously lacked. Through video,

provide cutting analysis and practical solutions for our region's forests and communities. Help us stay on the frontlines resisting Wall Street forestry while advocating for a just response to the climate emergency.

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2. Become a [monthly donor](#)
3. Join our [Legacy Circle](#)

We ask that you include the Coast Range Association in your estate planning. Pass on a forests, climate and community legacy today. To learn how, email Andrew at andrew@coastrange.org.

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radio, and social media we are now broadcasting truth and analyses that must be heard.

As the world appears to grow darker every day, we burn bright with the message that a better world is possible. Our message is not rhetoric. It's not a collection of aspirational words. No, we've done the research and analysis and had the ***courage to propose practical, concrete solutions***. Solutions that are usable by any state or national leader with guts and a moral compass.

Yet, a clear proposal, communicated well, is no guarantee of its adoption. Much more is required. That's why 2021 will be crucial for taking the CRA to the next level of organization. Here's where we're heading and how you can help.

New Research Supports our Proposal

[New research by ProPublica](#) shows that California's climate policy created up to 39 million forest carbon credits that aren't achieving real carbon savings. But companies can buy these forest offsets to justify polluting more anyway.

Read

Climate & Forest

First, the industrial lands proposal must be shared widely and argued in clear language. Already, we have received much positive feedback. People are inspired. Using our communications capacity, a range of advocacy media must be created and distributed. To do this, ***our only funding will come from supporters like you.***

Building capacity and grassroots community presence means work. Please welcome Lacy Todd to the core CRA team. Although a volunteer with limited hours, Lacy's passion, expertise and intelligence warranted a leadership position. Lacy will direct our work to build a grassroots network of climate and forests activists. To find out about the opportunities to be involved—email Lacy at: lacy@coastrange.org

The 2021 priority is to develop a dedicated **forest and climate grassroots network** that embraces the knowledge, insights and boldness of the Green New Deal and Industrial Forests proposal. Training, organizing and focusing such a network will take resources. Your support today will help build advocacy that can't be ignored.

If you've recently visited the CRA's website, you may have noticed the dramatic [county forest ownership maps for western Oregon](#). The maps are the work of the CRA's stellar GIS mapmaker Allie Vitello. Allie's work is another example of new technical capacity.

Return to the Sea

Over a ten years period the CRA worked to protect nearshore marine habitat by advocating for a set of marine research reserves. Five years ago the marine coalition met success, and the State of Oregon created a network nearshore reserves. In 2020 we re-engaged with past marine partners to discuss

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the next phase of nearshore conservation. I can now announce that the Oregon Marine Reserve Partnership is reestablished.

Appropos of the CRA's current expertise, Andrew will be heading up the coalition's communications working group. Recently, Andrew completed an advocacy video for a Lincoln City Audubon rocky habitat proposal. And he continues to produce the CRA's highly informative **Ocean News** e-newsletter.

Researching and documenting conditions in Oregon's nearshore marine reserves will, I believe, prove significant as the impact of climate change grows ever larger. Your donation today will help fund our assistance to coastal grassroots marine groups and ensure our ocean advocacy stays strong.

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collaborative resource for forest, climate and ocean conservation coalitions in Oregon. We have been recording and sharing inspiring interviews and stories with communities across Western Oregon.

Tune in on your local station or search "Coast Range Radio" on your podcast app to hear the most recent episode, Visions for the Future of Forests and Communities. On this episode, Green New Deal for PNW forest advocates share their visions for a better world where both forests and communities are valued for more than their economic output.

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Forest Practices Reform

While our greater vision embraces a fundamental change in industrial forest ownership, we can't ignore the current effort to reform **forest practices** and **forest taxation**. After all, our advocacy for adequate stream protections goes back decades and the push to reinstate a reasonable forest harvest tax was ignited by our 2016 research.

Andrew plays a key role in the Forest Waters Coalition, where he works on communication strategy and media production. We've done radio programs on the apparent scandal at the Oregon Forest Resources Institute and timber tax severance bills in Salem. A number of grassroots events and activities have benefited from our media and mapping skills.

We are waiting to see the outcome of negotiations between certain timber industry and conservation organizations. Those negotiations seek to achieve a multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan for federally listed endangered species. In the meantime, we'll continue to support grassroots advocates and pressure the timber industry to make reforms they should have made over two decades ago.

A New Morning: Let's Get to Work

On April 12th, we uploaded the industrial lands proposal to the Federal Register as official CRA comments to the White House *Climate Task Force*. We understand our proposal is beyond the Biden administration's current thinking. Our proposal is beyond the Governor's Executive Order on global warming.

But, we understand the science. The data is irrefutable. A warming planet will increase the frequency and strength of catastrophic fires, create drier regions, and cause mass migrations. The signs are all around us. The so-called southern U.S. border migration crisis is very much an outcome of climate driven drought in Central America. Both song birds and people are moving north. As mentioned previously, coastal Sitka spruce is showing severe signs of climate stress—likely due to the loss of cool coastal fog.

The Coast Range Association has a singularly clear program of work in touch with today's social and environmental reality. For many, the world appears frightening. The latest Mauna Loa Observatory CO2 numbers indicate time is running short. Our proposals, advocacy and vision for a better world directly answer those who sow fear, doubt and confusion. [Please make a generous contribution](#) today to our important work.



Rally to Protect Post-Fire Forests & Communities

When: Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4:00pm

Where: Oregon State Capitol—Wilson Park (westside gazebo), 900 Court St. Salem, OR 97301

As communities across Oregon continue to rebuild after the 2020 fire season, timber corporations and ill-equipped agencies are clear-cut logging large swaths of fire-burned public lands.

Sincerely,



Chuck Willer
Director

PS. Our land reform proposal is unique because it speaks to political groups who too often embrace reactionary, mean-spirited politics. Frightened and abandoned people need economic answers not scapegoats or rhetoric. Given today's political urban-rural divide and whipped up hate, please consider a doubly generous donation.

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