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# Meeting the Scale of the Climate Crisis

Will Rep. Schrader fold to Wall Street donors and derail climate funding?

Join us September 8th in Salem to fight for worker and climate justice!  
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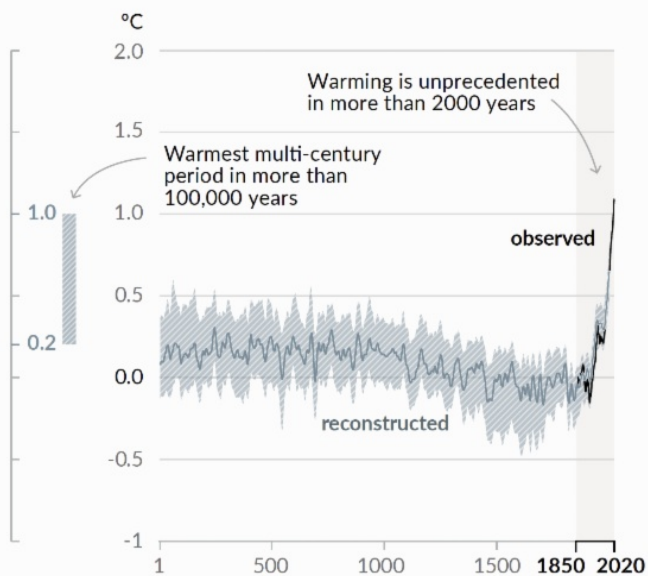
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Dear friend,

On August 9, 2021 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released their [Sixth Assessment Report](#). Again the IPCC reports in the strongest terms, we are living in a climate crisis caused by the burning of fossil fuels and deforestation.

The report starts: "It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land. Widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere have occurred."

a) Change in global surface temperature (decadal average) as reconstructed (1-2000) and observed (1850-2020)



Of course this is not news as we experience daily unrelenting natural disasters from heat waves, megafires, and droughts to ocean acidification, hurricanes, and floods. We know that those who are the most impacted and suffer from

these disasters are the most marginalized. We also know that as the crisis increases so does political extremism, creating an us vs. them social landscape pitting neighbor against neighbor. All the while the powerful remain unaccountable for continued fossil fuel subsidies and inaction on meaningful natural forest-carbon solutions.

The U.N. Secretary-General, António Guterres, was clear in his press release about the report: "Greenhouse-gas emissions from fossil-fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk," he said. "This report must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels, before they destroy our planet."

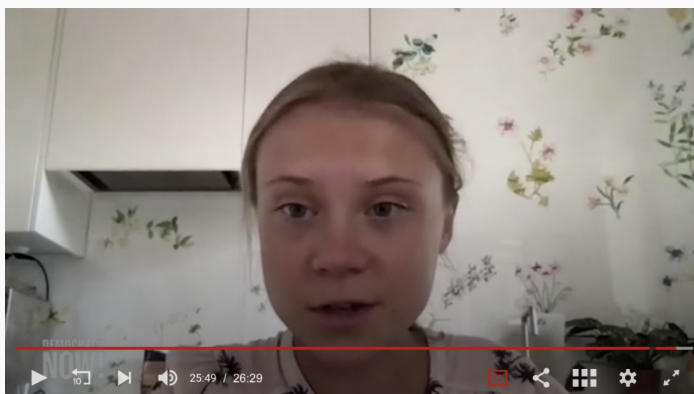
We have known the science on the impacts of fossil fuels and deforestation on the climate for decades. Why haven't governments acted to avert the worse impacts of this crisis? Fossil fuel companies, investment banks, and timber giants and their high paid lobbying and marketing mercenaries delay and sabotage efforts to avert climate catastrophe. All to increase the wealth of the richest people in the world.

Our state and federal leaders are bending to Wall Street's power. One of Oregon's own, Representative Kurt Schrader, is actively stalling the 3.5 trillion reconciliation bill, a bill that is one of our best hopes to make the transition off fossil fuels for energy and transportation. If he does not support this bill, Schrader's name will be etched into a *stone of infamy and the damned*, his name joining all others in power who did nothing while the world burned.

**Join us next week for a rally to push Schrader to act on climate (see details below).**

We have a short window to act and avert the worst impacts of a runaway climate. The atmosphere's 1.5 degree celsius carbon budget is nearly spent. The time is now to fight for a just transition off of fossil fuels and end Wall Street forestry and deforestation. We all can work to create a better world where human wellbeing is prioritized over profit. Oregon's forests can be part of the solution, but we must be brave and demand immediate change.

As Greta Thunberg said on a recent Democracy Now interview on the IPCC report:

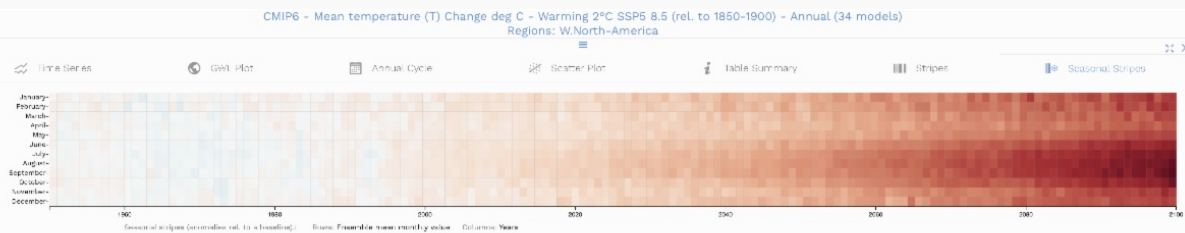


"This report doesn't tell us what to do. It doesn't say you have to do this, and then you have to do this. It doesn't provide us with such solutions or tell us that you need to do this. That's up for us. We are the ones who need to take the decisions, and we are the ones who need to be brave and ask

the difficult questions to ourselves, like: What do we value? Are we ready to take action to ensure future and present living conditions?

"So, I hope that this can be a wake-up call and that it really gives perspective and that it, once again, can be a reminder that the climate crisis has not gone

away, it's only escalating, and it's only growing more intense by the hour."



We no longer have time for blue ribbon panels on climate smart forestry or studies on the expense of transitioning fossil gas infrastructure. There is no political will to pay Wall Street investors to store carbon on their plantation estates while people suffer. For our part, we are building a grassroots network to enact a climate and justice focused forest solution that will store vast amount of carbon in Oregon's forests while improving the material conditions of people's lives.

We encourage you to get involved today. Pressure your decision makers, join a climate action group, donate to the Coast Range Association and care for your neighbors and communities. We are at a turning point and it is so important we all get involved today.

## Here are ways you can make a difference

- Join us and [Our Revolution](#) at a Rally at Rep. Schrader's Salem office demanding he support the 3.5 trillion dollar reconciliation bill.
  - Wednesday, September 8th at 11am.
  - 540 Center St. Salem, OR
  - [Facebook event](#)
- Read and share our [Climate & Industrial Forests proposal](#). Our three tier approach that meets the scale of the climate crisis, demands a just transition, and stores carbon in forests is the only proposal in Oregon that can bring rural working people and urban climate activists together. We must come together to challenge Wall Street forestry in the name of a stable climate.
- [Read](#) about why we need democracy to solve the climate crisis.
- Join your local climate action group (350, Sunrise, or one of the many others). We must transition off of fossil fuels as soon as possible in order to maintain a stable climate.
- Become involved in regional mutual aid. Communities in the U.S. are very exposed to the impacts of climate disasters. We do not have the social programs for housing, medical care and food security to make us resilient to the impacts of the climate crisis. Work with your neighbors and communities to build up resilience.
- Donate to the Coast Range Association as we expand our work to meet the challenge of the climate crisis in the Coast Range.



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**Wednesday, Sept 8th • 11am**

**540 Center St NE #415  
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## Climate & Oregon's Industrial Forests: Strategy Meetings

Meetings with activists across Western Oregon have been going great, and we are building our network of passionate and dedicated volunteers.

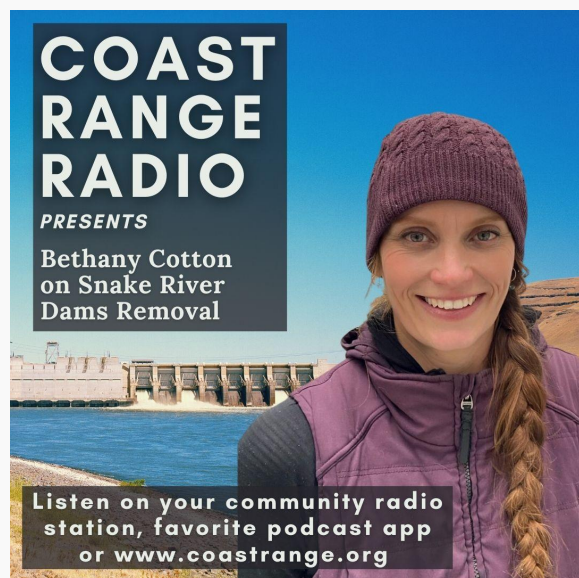
We have met with climate and political activists in Portland, community rights leaders and forest defenders in Newport, and politicians and land practitioners in Cottage Grove. Future meetings will be in Coos Bay, Astoria, Central Willamette Valley, and other key locations.

If you have read the [proposal](#) and are excited and want to join us in shaping our next steps, email Lacy at [lacy@coastrange.org](mailto:lacy@coastrange.org) to learn more and get details for future events.

## Coast Range Radio

We've had some excellent guests on Coast Range Radio the past month.

We did a two part series on land ownership and land reform with Levi Van Sant, Assistant Professor at George Mason University. We had a discussion on the removal of the Snake River Dams with Bethany Cotton, Conservation Director at Cascadia Wildlands, and we just released a new episode with author Robert Leo Heilman on his writing calling out right wing extremism and fear in his community.



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PRESENTS

Author  
**Robert Leo Heilman**  
on  
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## Ways to Donate

You rely on the CRA to provide cutting analysis and practical solutions for our region's forests and communities. Help us continue to resist Wall Street forestry and advocate for urgent action on the climate crisis.

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

Consider adding the Coast Range Association in your estate plan to leave a progressive legacy for forest heritage (keep the big trees standing) and the proper role of forests as a climate solution.

To learn more contact Andrew at [andrew@coastrange.org](mailto:andrew@coastrange.org).

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