



Idaho Energy Is Going Green

Wendy Wilson, Executive Director



Bob Dylan would say “the times they are a changing.” Last year in Kentucky, the Harlan County Coal Museum installed solar panels to save money. In the automotive world, electric car upstart Tesla is now worth more than good old General Motors. And according to the numbers collected by the U.S. EPA, electricity generated in the state of Idaho has the lowest carbon-footprint of any in the nation!

Don't step up to accept the honor quite yet. While it is true dams don't have smokestacks – don't get me started about the salmon! And more than 40% of the power actually used in Idaho comes from out-of-state coal plants such as Jim Bridger in Wyoming and North Valmy in Nevada. Another thing that increases our carbon footprint is that (maybe because of geography) Idahoans tend to drive more

than average Americans.

Idaho has enough sun, water and wind to someday lead the nation with the greenest energy. Our cities and state policy makers should take steps to reduce energy use, encourage electric vehicles (for people of all income levels) and develop renewables. Idaho Power and other utilities should commit to “kicking the coal habit” and invest more in Idaho's abundant solar, wind and geothermal

There is no roadmap to get from here to a world powered 100% by safe, clean and renewable energy. But, we must commit to making this difficult journey.

In 2017, the Alliance will launch a new “Solarize the Valley” campaign to put more rooftop solar on homes and businesses. Last year, we helped 49 families install 314kW of solar panels. This year, we are looking for more people ready to invest in solar for their own homes. It is time for the people of Idaho to lead the way.

Good News, Bad News

Beatrice Brailsford, Nuclear Program Director



The times “they are a changing” in the nuclear world, too. There is some really good news to celebrate, but new dangers are buried in the fine print.

The best news is close to home. It is official! Areva will not build a uranium enrichment plant in Idaho. On March 10, the French corporation asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to terminate its license for the proposed Eagle Rock enrichment plant. It took ten years of resistance from the Snake River Alliance and others, and success was by no means certain. The federal government offered \$2 billion of taxpayers' money to guarantee loans to build the plant. Even so, the effort collapsed amidst the increasingly dire economic forecasts for nuclear power.

The same forces pulled down Westinghouse, the last US nuclear construction business. The four reactors being built in the US might be abandoned before they ever operate, even though they, like Areva, were underwritten by the DOE and ratepayers, too.

Ironically, closing nuclear plants threatens Idaho. Grass-roots and economic pressures are forcing reactors to shut down around the country. But when reactors are decom-

missioned, their contamination is not cleaned up, it is dispersed. The waste almost always moves west. Already, the NRC (with State of Idaho support) is set to approve a plan to ship 200,000 gallons of slightly radioactive liquid from the shutdown Vermont Yankee reactor to the US Ecology site near Grand View, Idaho.

The worst news close to home is that the NRC has begun a three-year review of NuScale's design for an array of small modular reactors to be built at INL. The DOE has already spent more than \$200 million for its design, and the company is lobbying for more. If the reactor modules are built, Idaho's water might be sucked up by a one-of-a-kind boondoggle.

In an era of uncertainty and threats of nuclear madness, the Snake River Alliance is fighting to protect you and our land, air and water.

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New Staff

Welcome Jason!

The Alliance is pleased to introduce our most recent staff member, Jason Pretty Boy. Jason brings a wealth of knowledge about Idaho, organizing, communications, coalition building and campaign strategy. He will help us build community, grow the Alliance and educate the public about clean energy and nuclear issues. Please feel free to contact him at jprettyboy@snakeriveralliance.org.



Hello, I wanted to let you all know a bit about myself. I grew up in Raft River, which is a stone's throw away from Declo, which is another stone's throw away from Burley. I was raised on a cattle ranch/farm. I have three children and one grandchild. I moved back to Boise after spending a year or so in Portland working for a green firm, and I have to say it's good to be home. I am always available for a quick visit and practice the door is always open mantra.



Go Solar this Year!

Have you ever thought about installing solar panels? Do you live in Ada or Canyon Counties? If so, you can now go solar and save money! Responding to popular demand, the Alliance is launching a new Solarize the Valley Campaign on April 26th. Last year, we helped 49 families install rooftop solar and have had nothing but positive reviews. The Alliance has "pre-negotiated" really great prices for you to install top-quality PV solar panels on your home or business. To get a free assessment sign up at SolarizeTheValley.org. For more information, visit our website or attend one of these two upcoming workshops:

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.

Anser Charter School,

202 E 42nd St,

Garden City, ID 83714

Thursday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.

Boise Consumer Co-op in the

Village at Meridian

2350 N. Eagle Rd.

Meridian, ID 83646

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

Name(s) of Alliance Member _____

Date: _____

You can vote for as many candidates as you wish:

INCUMBENT BOARD MEMBERS

2-year terms

Your Choices:

- 1. Tim Andreae - Boise []
- 2. David Monsees - Boise []
- 3. Vicki Watson - Pocatello []
- 4. Write-In _____

FIRST TIME BOARD MEMBERS

2-year terms

- 1. Phil Gordon - Garden City []
- 2. Julie Hoefnagles - Boise []
- 3. Terry Kaufmann - Pocatello []
- 4. Mike McClary - Boise []

We love volunteers. Please let us know if you are a member of the Alliance and would like to be considered to join the board of directors.

Please return this ballot by May 12, 2017, or vote online at www.snakeriveralliance.org/board/

Mail to: Snake River Alliance
 P.O. Box 1731
 Boise, Idaho 83701



It Takes a Village (or at least a Board)

Thank you to all of the Snake River Alliance’s continuing board members: Brent Marchbanks, Liz Paul, Chad Worth, Jasmine Furnish and Steve Crowley. We also extend deep gratitude to retiring board members Kerry Cooke and Liz Woodruff. Thank you, Liz and Kerry, for teaching us so much during your amazingly effective “half-lives” as volunteers with the Alliance!

2017 Nominees:

Tim Andreae | Boise Tim is a local foods advocate, artist, yoga teacher, musician and radio host on Boise Community Radio. He works as a clinical mental health counselor. He currently serves as the Alliance Board President.

Phil Gordon | Garden City Phil is a classical music aficionado, Idaho river rat, dog enthusiast and retired attorney. He hopes to use his extensive personal contacts, relationships and good humor to support the Alliance.

Julie Hoefnagles | Boise Julie is a longtime Alliance member and Idaho resident who has traveled the world and finally come home. She works as a free-lance interpreter in hospitals, courts and schools (French; Spanish) and is a medical/legal secretary. She became active around nuclear issues after the Chernobyl accident.

Terry Kaufmann | Pocatello Terry grew up in Philadelphia. After she and her husband served in the Peace Corps in Western Samoa, they traveled throughout Asia and then settled in Pocatello. She is an active member of the community and has volunteered for a number of public interest groups and professional associations.

Mike McClay | Boise Mike grew up in the Midwest. He is a licensed psychologist currently consulting in the medical field. Until recently Mike’s practice included medical psychology at Elks Hospital in Boise. Mike and his family have been members of the Alliance for decades and he is excited about the role of the Alliance bringing solar energy to Idaho.

Dave Monsees | Boise Dave was raised in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas and earned a Doctorate in Sociology from the University of Chicago. He retired from the National Institutes of Health and followed his passion of mapping archaeological sites (Roman and Mayan). He moved to Boise for the mountains and big sky and has become a leader in the fight against fracking and for clean energy.

Vicki Watson | Pocatello Vicki recently retired from her private psychotherapy practice in Pocatello. She has her Masters Degree in Social Work from West Virginia University. Since moving west 35 years ago, she has been supportive of environmental causes including the Snake River Alliance and Idaho Conservation League.



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Annual Meeting and Boise Spring Dinner!

You are invited to a fun-filled evening
Saturday, May 13th

Place: Ahavath Beth Israel, 11 N. Latah St., Boise, ID

5:15 p.m. — Electric Vehicle Exhibition and Plant Sale

Talk with electric cars owners and learn about Solarize the Valley's 2017 rooftop solar program. Organic and drought-tolerant species offered by Peaceful Belly, North End Organic Nursery and Draggin' Wing Farm.

6:00 p.m. — Dinner and Dance

Food by Momo Cafe,
delicious vegetarian food from Tibet and the Himalayas
Beer by Payette Brewing

Members \$15/Non-members \$20
Youth 5 to 17 years old / \$10
Kids free



Music by Hillfolk Noir

Voted Boise's Best in 2014!

Please come and meet your Alliance board members, staff and volunteers. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling (208) 344-9161 or at lford@snakeriveralliance