

**CC-7.4 Comments**  
**Recommendation 59**  
**Join WCI and Consider Joining Chicago Climate Exchange**

All of your questions have too many different subjects under one heading. Some can be supported and others not so what do you choose when there is only one place to decide?

The economic impacts of any legislation must be determined and be a part of the decision.

This has nothing to do with emissions or climate change. It is about money changing hands.

At what cost? This is not fully understood. Do not proceed without more information and further study.

We need MT solutions and you do not get that from these organizations.

How much will this cost and who will pay for it?

I cannot support any of the above until I know how they will be paid for. It looks like taxes would have to be raised, energy costs raised, vehicles will cost more, etc. There are some good ideas, but I already pay too much tax.

There should be a cost/benefit analysis required. The benefits do not justify the costs using sound science. More taxes, regulations and red tape is not what will help Montana.

uncertain

Both attempt to be good organizations, but the focus of both are unclear. Sometimes the credits purchased are not to things that "will" reduce GHGs, but perhaps to fund things that would have been done anyway? What are the state's goals on this and would there be particular types of credits that the state would want to buy or sell - standards might be needed?

This is a highly parochial plan it should be scrapped. It seems driven by hysteria.

If I understand the climate exchange program correctly, there have been reports that the carbon exchange payments or credits may not have been implemented. Eg trees planted

when are you people going to stop embracing socialism and realize that capitalism is the only mode for driving real change?the ignorance of what you're proposing is staggering.  
How will all of these get funded?

What would this group do and why should Montana be included?

Chicago????? Why do you think I moved here??? To become more like Chicago or CA????? Have you been to Chicago lately?? I don't want MT to move one iota in the direction of doing anything to become more like Chicago!!

Nothing like doing a study to spend money. If energy can be saved by the home owner or busnes, don't you think the high cost of fuel will force conservation?

Climate change is caused by solar cycles,not co2. I have assembled reams of data on the subject,and 97% of atmospheric co2 comes from natural causes, not man.We can do everything this survey suggests and we will still have the same amount of co2 in the air.

You have really got to be kidding! Some of us prefer to have JOBS and HOMES with LESS government interference. Do the granola bars and eco-nazis think the government can save the environment based on perceived threats of a controversial theory?

What would help the environment and the economy of MT is if all the nuts took their politics and drove their SUVs back to California and New Jersey and stayed there.

Not sure

Join, lead, and contribute at every opportunity.

Green House Gases are not causing the present climate change. Please encourage responsible study and education of climate change issues.

No! No! No!

If the WCI and CCX operate in an environment that is free of subsidies and a free-market atmosphere, then I don't see what harm would occur by joining them.

Too radical

What is the benefit for Montana?

Don't assume that "getting" on board to stop this run-away Greenhouse Gas train will, in the long run, make any difference. The world has been heating and cooling "without" the help of humankind for millions of years--a very cyclic phenomenon. Be careful of what you buy into.

Strongly favor

this is a market based way to incentivize the essential changes needed.

Why hasn't this been done already?

The cost to implement these changes is outrageous. I do not support this politically-based climate change nonsense.

Climate change is dubious at best. We have no need to enact more legislation that will hamper business. Business should of course work to maximize efficiency and be environmentally friendly, but not due to the supposed effects on our planet's climate.

The climate may be slowly changing. Case in point is there was an ice age not long ago. But the radical hoax of panic climate change is a farse. We need not go crazy with limiting freedoms and spending billions to fix a problem that we don't know exists.

P.T. Barnum was right.

individuals can only do so much with this issue, we need strong and numerous government action of many forms and formats...

Many great ideas. Push hard, move fast, make it a priority and do the right thing. Thank You, Phyllis Bookbinder

This comment applies to all recommendations. In almost every recommendation, I see a cost. A cost to provide incentives, a cost to fund new programs, a cost to the consumer for increased standards for electrical generation. While savings are alluded to and Richard Opper assures us that from the 30,000' level he sees a net savings. Quite frankly that's a woefully inadequate analysis. Certainly nothing that broad sweeping policy decisions, rulemakings, or legislation should be based on. The premise that we can shift costs from Peter to Paul and in the end we'll all come out fine is delusionary.

Look to the UN-intended consequences. Let the market do it's job. Like most government involvement in an issue, it is well intentioned, but will ultimately make the situation more cumbersome and expensive.

Definitely

not sure what these are--need to spell out

If all or a majority of the afore mentioned items were to be enacted in legislation it would cost the government and private industry trillions of dollars. Common sense has to prevail. Overreacting is as bad or worse than underreacting. Clear heads must prevail.

Cap and Trade is not the answer.

I find now where a serious effort to increase energy production or seek free market solutions, these proposals are extremely un-balanced...

All of this is slanted towards enviro-politico-extremist. If you really want to do something good, then drill for oil on the front and start using the world's largest coal supply that we are sitting on top of. If you want to freeze in the dark, broke and penniless, then just pass these idiotic mandates. Global Warming is a FARCE. Look at this winter! It isn't happening.

Please talk to real atmospheric scientists like Dr. John Christy and Roy Spencer from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. The truth is out there but you don't get it from people like Dr James Hanson NASA who have political agendas.

I would advise any legislator to not buy into the global warming myth. All those globalist types of people want to do is control our local activities according to United Nations mandates. We need to steer clear of anything to do with such an organization and on the contrary we need to adhere to strict constitutional principals.

I cannot believe that our state government is looking at these huge tax increases. And believe me that is all they are. The scientific community is still very much split as to the effects of GHG (if there is such a thing) some respected but silenced scientist stating that if CO2 from the industrialization is responsible for warming that that may be its greatest contribution to mankind. I believe that most of the things in this report are pure hogwash. How can anyone believe in mankind's impact on global warming when the leading proponent, Al Gore, is so hypocritical about it. He has done nothing to change his impact on the environment but he thinks that ordinary citizens should not only change their lives but pay these huge costs.

Cap and trade is only a transitional technology -- emphasize GHG elimination over mitigation. Obviously, emphasize mitigation over business-as-usual.

explore possibility, but if man is not causing climate change, then this could be big waste of money.

Definitely join with the Western States.

Manmade CO2 influencing climate change is a theory, not a fact. I don't believe we should establish public policy until more is known

Please!!!

Who is this group? Who runs it? What is their legitimacy? How are they approaching the subject? Who is driving their work? All things that we need to know before making any such decision.

HELL NO.....

absolutely. do NOT be reinventing the wheel whilst other states are doing the same actions. this applies to ALL THE LEGISLATION indicated above, states should band together to find what they all have in common and build in efficient time use. state-specific goals will rise to the top and then dig into those at 'home'

DON'T FORGET THE IMPACT ON THE GLOBAL CLIMATE THAT KILLING MOST OF THE SOIL MICRO-ORGANISMS AND A GREAT DEAL OF THE OCEAN PHYTOPLANKTON HAS. WHY IS THIS NOT MENTIONED IN YOUR SURVEY. IF YOU ACTUALLY READ MY COMMENTS, MAYBE YOU WILL GET IT. SCIENTISTS IN THE 1960 WARNED OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AS A RESULT OF MASSIVE USE OF PESTICIDES. WHY DIDN'T ANYONE LISTEN TO THEM?

don't know about this one either

Good questions, I had several more comments, but made the mistake of following one of your links and lost all my work and had to start over after much cursing.

That said, you have put together a very good survey, that addresses a lot of core issues at the heart of many much larger issues that surrounds them.

I look forward to your results.

It would be irresponsible for anyone, government officials even more so, to take any action without being fully informed. Read what the real scientists say about global warming in "Unstoppable Global Warming, every 1500 years" by S. Fred Singer and Dennis T. Avery; and "Shattered Consensus" by Patrick J. Michaels, before making and policy changes. The IPCC and most of the global warming advocates are using either incorrect data or selected data that fits their agenda. Please look at all of the facts first.

like I said before this a crock of feces

Again, carbon trading is not a viable solution. It is just a money thing and puts off real solutions.

Already don (WCI); not so sure about CCX

This survey is horribly complex and probably scared off a lot of potential survey takers. Most people agree with reducing greenhouse gasses and just because this survey may have scared them off doesn't mean they don't support the ideas behind it!

As I read this survey I wonder if the State of Montana realizes how much of a burden this is going to put on us. This reminds me of the Chicken Little story. The sky is not falling, the earth is doing just fine replenishing itself. If it is such a big issue then the people who need to be targeted are big factories and plants. Their emissions are more than the whole residential part of the town I live in. The problem with that is that they will just charge it back to me the consumer so it still comes back to me. This whole thing is just another way to get into my pocketbook and I don't appreciate my state not realizing that. Some of the stuff I read in this report just leave me baffled at how so many very intelligent people could follow Chicken Little down this road.

This climate change propaganda is nothing more than a religious and political agenda masquerading as a scientific theory. A theory is nothing more than an opinion and of course an opinion is like an anal opening, everyone has one. In addition there are many scientists who do not agree that this warming cycle is man caused and a consensus of scientists does not make a theory a scientific fact. There are many reasons for a warming cycle of the earth including increased solar activity (hence global warming occurring on Mars and Jupiter etc) and increased geothermal activity within the earth. Greenland was named that for a reason, when the Vikings discovered it they were able to grow crops there. This radical environmental agenda will do nothing more than to decrease the lifestyles and the ability to travel of the citizens of this great state in addition to increasing the already bloated bureaucracy. Montanans are already overtaxed and overregulated and adding any more regulations and taxes will only further weaken

Studies show that there is zero climate benefit to investing in GHG reduction infrastructure and monitoring. Clearly there is no consensus on any benefit to GHG reduction. CO2 is too small in % of atmosphere to drive climate.

#### WHAT DO CHICAGO AND CALIFORNIA KNOW ABOUT MONTANA?

The state needs to provide a framework of options for the informed consumer. What the state symbolically does to its own fleet "leading by example" only exemplifies what the state can do since it has the money. Affordable and realistic choices for a population which is not wealthy are essential to bringing everyone on board. People need to be able to travel our vast distances affordably and conveniently: isn't it time to use our rail corridors?

The imposition of large scale energy generators such as HGS result in long term dependency on fossil fuels and expensive infrastructures for large masses of consumers. This paradigm should be replaced with that of low cost, local small scale generation such as small solar arrays or inexpensive wind/solar domestic packages by free market and tax credit. Zero-carbon sources of energy must be given priority through ongoing tax credits.

Pure baloney

There is NO consensus on global warming. We have a climate cycle. Remember iceages. This global warming hoax is going to cost consumer/taxpayer BILLIONS of \$\$\$. Al Gore nor anyone else will debate a reputable scientist about the truth in this issue.

This whole category is pure bs.

The State of Montana has no business trying to make a big deal from no deal at all. The major green house gas is water vapor. If the earth is warming look to the sun. The rest of the solar system is going through the same cycle. We don't need more government control of our lives. Fossil fuels don't come from dead plant and animals. That is a lie.

If these ARE the leaders and they are getting it right then we should join.

Again, I believe this is an unconstitutional act, trying to gain more control over We The people, one thing is for sure it will be more cost for the people for what? "The sky is falling"(Chicken Little) I suggest you to kill this act for the good of the whole

Probably a moot question as the Governor already did this, probably polled the question and then made a decision based on the applause meter. This is not a good idea, as it should be national.

I do apologize for not being real optimistic at this point in the game and giving you a big atta boy. I have little ones and I fear this situation is so incredible dismal. I have tears in my eyes now just thinking about how we've treated this beautiful state and country and what we are leaving our children. It is disgusting and we should be ashamed of ourselves and the trivial little attempts we are making to SOLVE the global warming problems. You would have to visit with me for hours if not days to get all of my comments both constructive and nonconstructive. Do your best Montana and start listening to the people of this state not the board of Realtors and all the other high dollar lobbyists that influence your opinion and the laws that we must in turn live by. Go after your own get some justice for the next generation, please. Leave them something, set the bar high, so far I've seen nothing that makes me say WOW that will really help. Get after it you're 20 years too late, at least.

Will do nothing to help and will only drive costs up.

Apples and oranges.

sounds stupid

Yes to WCI

Too much government activity. To accomplish the survey proposals would require too much growth in government and too much government control. The costs would be enormous. We have too much government already.

over my head

We are witnessing the beginning of one of the greatest tragedies of the history of civilization. Peer reviewed science must be an immediate priority. We have no time to waste on petty politics or petty details.

We have one comment for all of the above. Maybe try cutting back on government, paycuts to you, instead of asking us taxpaying citizens to foot the bill yet again on something that is not needed. We think there are plenty of other issues that are uncompleted, and need attention, yet as always, we find that the elected officials are finding ways to waste more of our money.

Nearly all the proposals have significant economic impact. Until these are quantified, it is hard for me to support most of the proposals listed. Education of the public is essential, but it is too early for our state to commit significant resources until the federal government takes action. Most, if not all of the proposed actions would have minimal impact versus the emissions generated by the forest fires of recent years, yet would create significant governmental bureaucracy. Lets not be too aggressive.

We truly are arrogant to believe that we are so important that we can impact climate. If we have any impact at all, I would guess that it is insignificant in the greater scheme of things. Unfortunately, it seems that those individuals who thrive on fear-mongering or who have a political or economic agenda are winning the battle. Too bad for us all for the global economy may have been destroyed before our error is discovered.

This Action Plan was not a Montana grassroots Plan. It was the same plan written for California and other states.

<http://www.righttalk.com/asx/ggws.asx> The above video destroys the myth of human caused global warming. Get informed. The truth shall make you free.

Too bad that dollar allocation could not be provided for each initiative.

This whole program looks like fascism /nazism. Who is going to pay for all this regulation and control and the policing of this program? If the governments (state and Federal) would get off the backs and out of the way of business, free enterprise would solve the problem, if of course, the state protected monopolies aren't involved.

Man-Made Global Warming Agenda is a Fraud.

We are not a Communist/Socialist State. We are not a Nanny State. The Free Markets can do all of this better. I do not want any of my taxes going to these agendas.

General comment on this survey - Are you guys from California - look at the costs associated with all of this - it all boils down to increasing the cost of living a bunch for all of us living here. Yes in a perfect world all of this sounds good, but who is paying for it. Any requirements for government is paid for by the tax payers, any utility or company added costs will be just passed through to the consumer, WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO HAVE THIS MANDATED!!! Let the marketplace do its own thing and those that choose to take these options on and can pay for them, will. But don't mandate this. This survey is really unfair because it is like asking everyone if you want a real nice car for everyone and by the way it gets 100+ mpg - whats the answer going to be unless you attach a real cost to it. Come on - you guys have to be smarter than this.

This is a general comment. The pollution that is generated in Montana is just a drop in the ocean of pollution generated by developing and third world countries. Everything I have read above appears to penalize Montanans, drives up the costs of living and doing business here, and is insignificant in the global picture. During these times of economic uncertainty, the last thing Montana needs is more legislation, more costs, and less access to affordable fuels, housing, transportation and food.

Plant trees not more government!

Why do you want those in a city that has to go to a park or conservatory or planetariums to look at a tree, or have never seen a mountain or a prairie dog except in a zoo to direct our thinking on Climate change. Please accept my apology for the misspellings, and poor punctuation. I felt that getting my ideas was more important than my grammar.

There needs to be a lot more studies done before implementing or mandating emissions or standards. Along with progress comes change.

Keep Montana out of the BUSINESS of the global warming industry.

I spent hours yesterday filling out comments only to scroll back up and see that everything had been erased! So here it is - If these things can't be paid for by current surpluses or pay for themselves we taxpayers can't afford them

The gov needs to stay out of this all together we dont need more gov and regulation. Leave the states law abiding citizens alone and figure out ways to get out of the way not the opposite!

I have been around for more than 80 years and the only person I know of who ever controled the weather conditions was JESUS CHRIST

MT has already joined the WCI and the CCX is having some credibility problems. Might want to rethink joining CCX.

All of the above survey is just unnecessary since there is no solid proof that we are the problem in so called 'global warming'. This is just a scare tactic and any cost comes right to the tax payers and the burden could be destructive to Montana way of life.

All of your action plans have no price tag attached to them. I can only assume that this would increase our taxes and state government bureaucracy. More big brother and less autonomy for the individual. No thanks Brian!

We don't need outside nongovernmental organizations telling us what to do any more than they all ready are! We did not elect them and to have our ELECTED representatives advocating a plan such as this is dishonoring the trust we have put in them.?

Most of this seems like a waste of time and money to me. We don't even know if we have a problem. The earth goes through cycles all of the time and I don't think that spending a lot of money is going to stop it from doing what it is going to do anyway. In the 70's there was a big scare that we were going into an ice age and everyone went out and bought extra blankets and food to get ready for it but it never came. Y2K everyone went out and bought generators and food and it came and went with no problems. I think that this is just another scare tactic to get us to go out and spend a lot of money for no reason. Global warming is real but we are really arrogant to think that we have a chance of stopping it. When this earth gets tired of us we will be shaken off like a flea on a dogs back. Let's take some small steps first to see if we can make a difference before we negatively impact a lot of businesses and people.

I do not think we should be involved in this multistate game where California will dictate to the rest of us how to live.

NEVER

All of these except the "None" action plan will cost taxpayer dollars and are unnecessary. Let the market determine the best course of action.

No to Chicago Climate Exchange

This is a general comment pertinent to this entire questionnaire: I generally do not support these proposals for the following reasons: 1) the cost/benefit impact of the above proposals from a global perspective are not indicated. No reasonable, thinking person could or should support anything without such an analysis. 2)Enactment of such standards by shoving them down the throat of Montanans is major meddling in the free market process where effects will be very limited in that these issues are far better addressed nationally, 3)the impacts and causes of "GHG's" is not universally shared by even a majority of world scientists, only by a politically active group whose data is most suspect. For these reasons and more than I have time to put forth at this time, I cannot support the above proposals.

I do not think we should be involved in this multistate game where California will dictate to the rest of us how to live.

Yes

just like WTO

Basically anything costing more money is a waste as the Global Warming agenda is a fallacy based on a faulty and unprovable database. There will be Global Cooling eventually as historically this has happened and there are larger "seasons" of cooling and warming.

All this will cost so much in taxes you won't be able to afford a glass of water!Climate is cyclical,it changes all the time and MAN has nothing to do with it.Get used to it!Don't you Socialists have better things to do then waste peoples hard earned money!

I don't care what we join, and don't think it really matters. Let's just make sure the things we do really make a difference for Montanans in terms of climate change and recognize the impacts that will have on costs and lifestyles. I think this effort needs to be driven by the people to really be effective. Therefore, the big push should be education, encouragement, and incentives.

Follow the money!!

Foget the Chicgo Climate Exchange I am not interested in making billionaires off the back of the poor throughout the world. Get smart here start being creative for everyones well being not just selfish destructive solutions!

Thank you for all your effort. Please consider making cuts according to what science tells us we need to do-not according to what industry and politicians tell us "We can't do".

This entire poll is just a bad idea. The whole thing is asking for higher taxes, more government regulations, and more underpaid people paying for what big government wants to do. You would be well advised to go out and actually speak with the everyday people of Montana, rather than your special interest groups. See what the everyday people who would have to pay for all this garbage has to say. You are asking underpaid workers to pay for a California style of government when the people do not want to live in california. Stop this before you shut down the entire Montana economy.

This should be federally mandated for all states.....maybe in the next administration.

carbon trading is still in immature stages, and a recent issue of Business Week characterized as full of "tricky abstractions." Sure, give it a look, and watch it closely as it evolves, because it may one day play a productive role. But it's currently a case of caveat emptor.

con games that do nothing but take your money for their scams.

We don't need corporations polluting because they can afford to pay to pollute

HELL NO!

And what good would that do? Save the world? I think not.

Global Warming Hogwash

We have enough law, rules, guidelines, and regulations in place now. WHY DO WE NOT IMPLEMENT THEM. Thank you.

Montana should lead the way!

Waste of taxpayer money.

What are these organizaitons and what do they do and why shoudl we join them? May be a great idea, but I know nothing about them.

Waste of money.

Past leader's in Washington, DC have let this problem go for too long, opting, instead, for a War in the Middle East. This war has gone past it's pull-out time and has caused too many American deaths. The National Debt is totally out of control and has put the United States in harms way. The results come to American Citizens as lead paint on toys and food that can kill. Bush-Chaney administration has made Billions, if not more. I say this is blood money and a lack of caring for the future of America. It is a sad state of affairs when our elected officials can get away with this kind of behavior!

You already did this, why are you now looking for public opinion.

Thanks!

OTHER COMMENTS: ban strip mining. no more mountain removal for a small amount of coal. heavy restrictions and lots of R+D before beginning coal-bed methane development. only proceed if we have the technology to keep water clean and safe.

MT's already joined WCI> Why do you ask now???? If a Federal program requires it, joining the CCX would be OK. Why join now? What would the goals be?

This is the biggest expansion of government controls I have ever seen in Montana. Why isn't this survey being publicized in newspapers around the state?

We need more information in MT regarding the carbon storage capacity of our various ecosystems. This is particularly important in agriculture. CCE can serve to promote no-till ag because more C is presumably conserved over-time. However, undisturbed soil conserves the most C! Where are the incentives for farmers/ranchers to maintain their land as open space rather than selling off to developers? Once paved, that soil will never be C sink, but likely to always be a net C producer.

Most people do not even know what the climate was like a couple of years ago v.s. now. Most people do not know all of the facts because they have been brainwashed by the media into believing in global warming and that we can somehow do something about it all. First, anthropologic warming is not evident. Second, the warmest years were in the late 1930's and 1940's, not the 90's. The average temperature in Montana has increased about 1 degree over the last 100 years. Third, many, many temperature records all over the U.S. and in most locations on the earth are in error because of the sensor location and local effects...and this is the "basis" for many alarmist claims of warming, etc., Those locations that are "greenfield" locations show even less temperature increase, more like less than one degree over the last century. Fourth, cycles of the sun control the temperature on the earth. At this point in the history of the earth, we should be very worried about another ice age, not global warming.

I oppose any and all action(s) detrimental to the economy in a futile attempt to combat a natural occurrence over which mankind plays an insignificant role either in contributing to, or affecting, the eventual outcome. Latest measurements indicate the planet Mars is also experiencing a similar phase of global warming. It's extremely doubtful greenhouse gases are in any way a contributing factor to that phenomenon. Let's get real here folks, tilting at windmills while screaming the sky is falling solves nothing and creates unintended consequences we will need to live with for generations.

I may have missed it, but I think we should have mandates on recycling, as well as support for businesses that would do the recycling, particularly for all kinds of plastics.

Together we stand....

This entire program is predicated on bad science and does not need to be implemented. It is an attempt to raise taxes and raise the cost of energy while doing nothing to conserve energy nor enhance the economy. It is bad politics, too.

Why do we need to form a new branch in government for the tax payers to SUBSIDIZE?

Again, Montana's population and industries don't even come close to Chicago and other areas.

This survey uses acronyms without definitions: RPS, BACT, GHG, MWh, BMP, mg starch, CRP

Where are the nuclear power plants in the planning?

I have marked all entries as number one because this Climate change plan would wreck the economy of the state. It is unbelievably extreme and it should be thrown in the trash.

Atleast.

Michael Crichton said it best--If you believe climate change is human caused you're an idiot--If you don't believe Climate change is human caused you're an idiot--We simply do not have the data. Science is nothing more than perception--Plato 400 B.C.

Why?

Absolutely not. Another bunch of Al Gore want to be.

That would not be in the best interest of Montanans.

Each of these proposals costs money, and many severely impact personal freedom of choice. Human-induced Global Warming is nothing more than a cloak used to camouflage a political and economic agenda. Even if the "theory" had any basis in fact, none of these proposals would have any impact whatsoever. This type of "feel good" legislation has very real costs.

Scientific theories on global warming do not warrant new taxes or legislation. Need additional analysis to understand impact on consumers and penalties on business development.

Could be good

I do not think the taxpayers of Montana should support an unproven hypothesis with their tax money.

Any exchange programs need to be done on a national basis.

Climate change is not a result of man made CO2. Look at the data. Climate change is a result of solar cycles that have been going since the beginning of planet earth. None of this will have any effect whatsoever on the warming of the planet.

YES!

It's too easy to game the system and we don't need to trade pollution, we need to reduce it. Be careful with this option.

Montana is not Chicago. Live in Chicago, as I have, and you will see that Chicago and Montana are not interchangeable. The people of Montana are a free people who will fight to remain so. Any and all attempts to change that will meet with resistance. And rightly so!!!!

the time to take serious action is now. we need to protect our future.

I do not support any of these proposals because they all tend to place further burdens on industry and business in the private sector, while expanding government regulation and power. All this and there is no convincing evidence of human caused global warming.

As some legislators have suggested you need to do nothing on this whole thing for now.

The State needs to stay out of this

What are these organizations and what do they promote?

Absolutely not!

All of these are 'feel good' expensive bulls\*\*t legislation. Global warming is NOT a fact (cold records set last winter in the southern hemisphere) so it might be Northern hemisphere warming, but not global. Secondly, latest studies of the sun spots (that control global temperatures more than humans) indicate that within 20 years we will be back in a 'mini-ice age'. Not politically correct, but MUCH more accurate.

My comment on all of the above is that I see it as costing the people of Montana a great deal of money which most of them cannot afford. These programs are bound to increase our taxes which are already too high. Some of the proposals have already been shown to not really work.

If we don't have people here in Montana who can identify what needs to be done and express it in words the average intelligent Montanan can read and understand without referring to the dictionary of politically correct biolish; then why on earth would we want to join up with another group of equally gibberish prone idiocrats. I beg your pardon if I offended anyone. I just like to say it like I see it. I am sure you all mean well.

Now we're going to join a club to discuss our frustrations. Just what we need/

Al Gore must love you.

I had this all nearly complete with comments on each subject, but hit a wrong key and it all disappeared. I'm afraid that is what your plan is. You have hit many wrong keys and economy, agriculture, businesses will all disappear. This all just means MUCH more taxes and for no reason! It sounds to me like you are purposefully and systematically killing America!

**MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING IS BASED ON JUNK SCIENCE. PLEASE DO THE RESEARCH AND DON'T STEAL FROM THE PUBLIC THAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT!**

Any one of you pro UN Al Gore carbon tax one world government people that are writing laws and pulling a pay check from our tax dollars should be relocated to McDonalds and flip burgers for a living.

OVERALL COMMENT: There is a complete lack of goals using solar power. For instance many Wyoming State rest areas are run on solar power which is terrific. We need to follow their example. More goals are needed in this for solar power education and use.

With what obligations? What benefits can the CCE offer? N.B. This long survey of many questions, covering numerous aspects, is remarkable in that all questions have the same inherent bias and assumptions.

As noted above, carbon trading is a scam that will cost consumers dearly and make a few people a lot of money. It will make the sub-prime mortgage fiasco look like child's play. It will be a drag on the economy with no benefit, and will put the US at an economic disadvantage globally.

Build nuclear power plants and you don't need any of this.

Your information outreach could have been more timely. I was not aware of your survey prior to 2/28/08. It could have been more timely.

What about PAWDS-plasmogenesis?. Ever heard of it?--Get a grip!!

not sure what this would be?

I'm uncertain as to how the state benefits by joining the Chicago Climate Exchange. It's my understanding that state and federal land are not eligible for carbon payments. The current program in Montana is being administered by the North Dakota Farmer's Union.

You guys should pass a law that taxes the shit out of big oil company C.E.O. bastards and use that to fund and implement the previous proposals

Yes, groups and organizations like this can accomplish great things, including instigating far-reaching changes for the better, and helping to unite us as a nation, and as a country that will finally join with the rest of the world to save our planet even close to as we know it.

thanks for taking the time to develop all these proposals.

General comment on survey:

I find it very frustrating that you can respond to this survey anonymously as many times as you wish. I find it even more frustrating that if you attempt to read the data in order to provide a reasonable response, you lose all of your survey. This material is not written in a way that the average person can understand the costs and inconveniences involved, nor do they have any idea of what is actually gained. I sincerely hope you are not using this information to craft your legislative proposals. This is a terrible way to gather public input and an even worse way to create legislation and/or rules.

a lobbying group to swindle tax payers through the back door?

I have not seen any MEANINGFUL PUBLIC NOTICE on this matter, or for that matter when the plan and recommendations were being developed. I became aware of this survey this morning, and certainly do not have time to study the information regarding it in the next 24 hours. There needs to be an extension of time for the public to respond.

NO! The WCI is nothing but a bunch of lying crooks who want more money.

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There is no comparison between Montana's population and industries and that of Chicago.

General Comments on the Survey: While on one hand I am pleased the EQC wants to hear from folks that were not part of the CCAC, on the other hand, the survey was too long and too complicated for many. When completing the survey it was all too obvious that many of the recommendations were the one size-fits-all variety and did not take into account what might be the best approach for Montana. There are many proposals that will require more dollars, but without a cost/benefit analysis as background. As I demonstrated in questions I raised in responding to RCII-1, there are a lot of similar unanswered questions through out the survey that have a bearing on what the right response may be. As examples, are the effects of GHG on the environment the same in Montana as in a densely populated area? Does a specific quantity of energy production/consumption in a sparsely populated state like Montana have the same impact on GHG as a densely populated area? Also, it will be important to carefully consider the potential sig I believe all these directives are premature, based on the fact that NO ONE really knows the facts on climate change yet. Just taking a stab in the dark is not prudent or cost effective for anyone. We don't have enough industry in our state to start making our own state industry-wide regulations. A little common sense taken by the people of Montana on an individual basis makes more sense to me.

No way.

I became aware of this survey this morning, Feb.28th.

24 Hrs. does not constitute a reasonable opportunity for comment. I also believe it imperative that the public have a reasonable comment period, and feel an extension of time is necessary.

the climate has been changing since the beginning of time -what makes you people think that government knows better than private enterprise. The market will always reward those that have the technology that is the most efficient.

All of these proposals will accomplish only one thing, expand government by creating multiple agencies thus increasing taxes many times over and causing vehicles to become more expensive and higher taxed. Example is California. Nothing will be solved

We don't need Chicago.

Offsets and trading carbon credits are unacceptable alternatives to actually reducing carbon outputs. It is like robbing Peter to pay Paul. If Montana should be sequestering carbon on its forest lands and elsewhere, it should be doing so whether it receives compensation so someone else can emit carbon elsewhere.

NO.

Just join Chicago Climate Exchange.

I do not believe that more laws are the answer. We need to work with industry to develop better practices. I also highly question any and all of this Global Warming Theory that is so popular at this time.

As a Libertarian I vehemently disagree with the whole hysteria driven concept of man caused climate change. If even a tiny part of your proposal(s) is/are implemented it will cause a revolt by the 'proletariat' the likes of which this country has not seen since the Civil War. I would welcome a response from you folks.

Any exchange programs need to be done on a national basis.

This survey blames global warming all on civilization. Maybe a very tiny percent, but actually it is a normal cycle. From 800 A.D. to 1300 there was global warming. From 1400 to 1900 there was {The Little Ice Age.) Look it up.

No, this would be destructive and penurious in the long run.

Solidarity between the states is necessary to promote change on the federal level.

Are you people serious??

How about a program of evaluating the claim that man is causing global climate change??? Actually, this would be a colossal waste of funds since the STATE has obviously concluded the answer. I can't believe the residents of Montana aren't plucking the chickens and heating the tar and marching on the office of whoever dreamed this up.

All of these "initiatives" seem to be without regard to the total costs for the consumer/taxpayer or those upon whom they will impact. A giant government grab for more power. More big brother to save us when we probably don't need to be saved.

This entire program will cost the state of Montana and Montanans too much, especially when there is no scientific proof that we have global warming due to humans. More emphasis should be put on providing Montanans jobs and lowering, not raising, taxes.

I'll assume that my results won't count in your survey because I haven't bought into the hoax/religion that man made global warming has become, but I am a tax payer so I feel compelled to take your survey and state the opposite argument. I wish government would stop infringing on our individual freedoms and disguising it as helping the planet. If only you would pick up a history/science book and read about the geological formation of this planet you would realize how little impact humans truly have. Global warming and cooling are more a result of solar activity then human caused activity and any warming cycle is a good thing for all species.

<http://www.dailytech.com/Temperature+Monitors+Report+Worldwide+Global+Cooling/article10866.htm>

I am concerned that you will discredit my survey because it does not fit in with the Governor's goals. If the survey fit's in with the Givernor's plan then my survey will be used.

Montana has no need to support these boondoggle schemes.

I have tried to figure this out, and it doesn't make sense to me. Public education is needed. I'm a reasonably intelligent and well-informed person.

This entire plan is a joke. The concept of man-made global warming is not supported by scientific evidence but we in this state seem to be buying into it hook, line, and sinker. Generally, conservation and exercising good stewardship skills are great ideas, but it is silliness to place the Earth before human life. Also, the less government interference in the private life of individuals, the better. This used to be a state that prided itself on liberty, self reliance, and common sense. In many cases, the points above contain great goals - for the people of this state, not its government! If the people truly want to do these things, they should be ALLOWED to do them, not FORCED. Also, raising taxes on ANYONE is bad for EVERYONE. If you think we have a hard time attracting business and encouraging innovation now, just see what happens when we implement excessive government controls that dictate how and where we can throw away our refuse and flush our toilets.

I don't know enough about WCI to have an informed opinion. CCX has some merit, but trading carbon credits won't really have much effect on the natural forces that have been causing climate change for millions of years.

I'm not sure we are quite there yet

I found out about this survey about 2 hours ago...Not nearly enough was done to alert the public of the opportunity to participate in this survey. I request that you provide additional public notice and more time to participate.

implementing change is ok but folks in chicago or other big cities don't even know where milk comes from. You want these people controlling your livelyhood?

Congratulations for joining WCI, CCX next please.

My impression is that the results you will obtain from this survey will be just so much nonsense because too many of the questions concern highly technical matters that require much knowledge and study before one could begin to render an informed vote

We don't need this.

Not familiar with this

A cautionary approach must be taken here so as to not large polluters to transfer their pollution to other parts of the world.

The reason I answered the way I have is because the government is getting swallowed up in programs which cost more and more. We must all do our part in making our environment a better place, but do we need to go at an accelerated speed, thus throwing us tax payers into more and more debt to finance more and more programs? We are all caught up in global warming without knowing true facts. We think throwing more and more money around will solve all our problems. I just think we are going too fast and not thinking things through before making new laws, regulations and the like.

do it. dont just consider it.

I HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT THE (WCI) IS AND CAN'T ENVISION WHAT EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON MT UNLESS TO LIMIT DOWN STREAM EMISSION EFFECTS ON CHICAGO AND THATS GREAT, BUT THEY ARE NOT PAYING OUR BILLS NOW!!!

GNP expects that federal legislation to regulate GHG emissions will be passed in the near future and we are developing our business plans accordingly. In the meantime, we believe it would be ill-advised for Montana to adopt GHG emissions regulations in advance of federal legislation. Any regional or Montana-specific regulations would have an infinitesimal impact on global climate change. "Early adoption" of regulations would impose significant costs on Montana businesses and consumers and would send an anti-business message to energy developers driving new projects and related investment to neighboring energy-producing states such as Wyoming and North Dakota.

why

Not a joiner unless it makes sense for MT.

I don't know

there is climate change. But mans impact is limited. Maybe as little as less than 3-5% need cost benefit analysis

What a scream. This whole thing is a hoax. Come on comrad drink the cool aid it is good for you.

OVERALL FOCUS NEEDS TO BE REDUCTION OF CONSUMPTION RATHER THAN A DISPLACEMENT OF CURRENT ENERGY USE WITH MORE RENEWABLE SOURCES. RENEWABLES ARE IMPORTANT BUT THE LARGEST EFFORT SHOULD BE PUT TO THE TASK OF REDUCING OUR DEPENDANCE ON ENERGY IN THE FIRST PLACE. A CHANGE IN LIFESTYLE MUST BE ADVOCATED.

no way we need to be independant for what is best for MONTANA!!!!!!

Overall comments: I think all of the recommendations made by the climate change action committee bear further review. As with the implementation of every plan, the devil is the details. I am heartened by the quality and depth of work that went into the report, and I am confident that the report will inform whatever steps the EQC chooses to take. I will look forward to learning more about the recommendations, hearing from experts in more detail, and exploring options to implement the recommendations. Just because a recommendation is not currently feasible, or would benefit from federal legislation, I think it is important to keep all options on the table, to add more when available, and to remove those options that are not helpful.

need more info. Yes if it would help us make our changes.

Kudos to the State of Montana for taking this step.

