

PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

Saturday, March 5th

12:00-1:00 PM

Renewable Energy Transition in Oregon and Potential Benefits for Minority Communities*

This panel will discuss efforts in Multnomah County and throughout Oregon to transition to renewable energy and how this transition may provide jobs, economic benefits, and environmental benefits to environmental justice communities.

Panelists: Silvia Tanner (Multnomah County Office of Sustainability) & Oriana Magnera (VERDE)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86571683132>

1:00-2:00 PM

Clean Energy: There is No Nuclear Option

The panel will present a brief history of nuclear energy in the Pacific NW, the current state of the industry and its current push for development and increased subsidization of small modular nuclear reactors. Panelists will discuss the environmental injustice, safety & economic risks and irresponsible hype associated with this energy source.

Panelists: Damon Motz-Storey (Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Advisory Board & former OPSR Healthy Climate Program Director), Ana Molina (Columbia Riverkeeper Field Manager), Cathy Sampson-Kruse (Enrolled Member Wallulapum-Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation), & Cathryn Chudy (Oregon Conservancy Foundation Board Member, Alliance for Community Engagement, Stop Nuclear WorkGroup)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87089292403>

2:00-3:00 PM

Environmental Impacts of the Border Wall

Motivated by fear and prejudice, the Trump administration ramped up construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall, costing taxpayers up to \$46 million per mile. Even after Trump left office, over 650 miles of border wall remain. But the damage to wildlife and landscapes cannot be measured in dollars and miles. The harm to biodiversity, impacts on endangered species, and destruction of wildlife corridors are much more nuanced. Panelists from the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club, and the Wildlands Network will discuss these complex effects and the role each organization plays in addressing these issues.

Panelists: Paulo Lopes (Staff Attorney & Senior Public Land Policy Specialist, Center for Biological Diversity), Erick Meza (Borderlands Coordinator, Sierra Club), Myles Traphagen (Borderlands Program Coordinator, Wildlands Network)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81932769301>

12:00-1:00 PM

Thinking Big, and Thinking Local for Forest Protection

A recent study published in the journal *Nature* finds that the U.S. needs to develop Strategic Forest Reserves to protect biodiversity and mitigate climate change, and that forests in Oregon are a high priority for protection to help the global effort to protect 30% of natural areas succeed. This panel will discuss the prioritization framework from this study, highlight current campaigns in Oregon to protect priority areas, and examine the impacts of ongoing logging in southwestern Oregon to communities and ecosystems that could otherwise be part of a climate and biodiversity solution.

Panelists: Chandra LeGue (Oregon Wild), David Mildrexler (Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands), & Francis Eatherington

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84004178635>

12:30-2:30 PM

Workshop: How to Build Collective Power between the Forest & Climate Movements*

The two-year old Pacific Northwest Forest Climate Alliance is a vibrant regional network that functions at the intersection of forest and climate defense. This workshop will explore why it is essential to connect these movements with a social and economic justice vision. We will share how the PNW Forest Climate Alliance began, how it operates, and how coordinated on-the-ground campaigns bridge the forest and climate movements and build our collective power. Attendees will learn about various campaigns led by grassroots members of the PNW Forest Climate Alliance and have an opportunity to discuss and strategize on where to go from here - both in the PNW and wherever participants are working

Panelists: Brenna Bell (350 PDX), Grace Brahler (Beyond Toxics), and Andrew Collins-Anderson (Coast Range Association)

Link: <https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/96638072678>

1:30-2:30 PM

Protecting Native Biodiversity with Informed Landscape Management: Developing and Implementing Strategies to Protect Native Flora and Fauna

Three professors from diverse academic fields will discuss protecting and/or recreating biodiverse landscapes from the East Coast to the West Coast. Their perspectives and projects span from theory, to planning, to implementation, across urban and suburban settings, different project sizes, and project frameworks.

Panelists: David Black (Groton School), Ric Stephens (UO Public Planning), & Whitey Lueck (UO School of Architecture & Environment)

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84336163346>

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