State of Montana
Governor’s Climate Solutions Council

Meeting Agenda
January 27th and 28th, 2020

University of Montana
University Center Rooms 330-332
Missoula, MT

Meeting Objectives:
- Continue to foster an environment conducive to learning and shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with the Council’s work.
- Advance early recommendations, broadly supported by the Council and frame key questions to guide future council work and public input in areas requiring further deliberations.
- Workshop plans for public and partner engagement over the coming months to refine and improve council work products.
- Take advantage of the meeting location to learn from faculty and engage students in the council’s work.
- Refine committee and council workplans, including setting upcoming meeting dates.

Monday, January 27, 2020

1:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks
President Seth Bodnar, University of Montana
Carmen Thissen, Climate Change Studies Minor
Dean Tom DeLuca, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation
1:15 pm  **Introductions and Overview of the Agenda**
Co-chairs - Patrick Holmes, Kathy Hadley
- Introduction of Attending Council Members and Staff
- Overview of agenda, meeting objectives
- Review of plans for the Council’s initial draft recommendations

1:45 pm  **Panel 1: Montana Forests and Climate Solutions**
Moderator: Kelsey Jencso, Montana Climate Office
- *Expanding Prescribed Burning through New Analyses, Tools, and Institutions*, Carl Seielstad, National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis
- *Realizing the Potential of Wood-Based Biomass Energy*, Beth Dodson, Forest Management

2:30 pm  **Climate Adaptation, Information and Decision Support Committee – Preliminary Recommendations**
- Overview of committee work to date and key findings
- Presentation and Discussion of Early Recommendations for Council consideration
- Questions and Discussion with Full Council
**DECISION ITEMS: Approval of Committee Early Recommendations**

3:30 pm  **Break**

3:45 pm  **Climate Adaptation, Information and Decision Support Committee (cont’d) – Key Questions and Next Steps**
- Overview of unresolved committee issues/recommendations requiring further deliberations
- Council discussion of next steps required to further deliberations or advance priority needs
- Council discussion of framing key questions for public and partner input.

4:15 pm  **Public Comment**
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**Lightning Round – University of Montana Faculty Research Relevant to the Climate Solutions Council**

Moderator: Laurie Yung, Society and Conservation

- *Commercializing Breakthrough Innovations*, Jakki Mohr, Management and Marketing
- *Beaver Dam Analogs to Mitigate Drought*, Ben Colman, Ecosystem Science and Restoration
- *Climate-Smart State Water Policy*, Michelle Bryan, Alexander Blewett III School of Law
- *Tribal Approaches to Water*, Casey Ryan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- *Designing for Embodied Carbon*, Sarah Ayres, Loci Architecture+Design
- *Early Warning Systems for Drought and Flooding*, Kelsey Jencso, Montana Climate Office
- *Effects of Fire on Elk Habitat and Populations*, Mark Hebblewhite, Wildlife Biology
- *Projections for Recreation & Tourism*, Kyle Bocinsky, Montana Climate Office
- *Addressing Health Impacts for Community Resilience*, Jen Robohm, Family Medicine Residency
- *Conservation Marketing*, Justin Angle, Management and Marketing
- *How Farmers and Ranchers Use Climate Information*, Laurie Yung, Society and Conservation
- *Utilizing Groundwater for Climate Resilience*, Payton Gardner, Geosciences

5:30 pm  
**Reception**

Phyllis J. Washington Education Center, Third Floor Atrium
No host bar with appetizers (provided).
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2:15 pm   Engaging the Public and Key Partners

- Facilitated discussion on strategies to conduct outreach to key partners and the public to improve and advance the recommendations of the Council
- Planning for future convenings of the Council, including the Montana Climate Solutions Summit (April, tent.)

3:00 pm   Public Comment

3:30 pm   Meeting Adjourns