

RIDGELINES

The Idaho Sierra Club's newsletter, issued Fall 2022.

Our Climate Justice Movement Continues to Grow!

It's been an eventful year for climate justice and clean energy in Idaho! We've faced challenging opponents, secured major wins across the state, and found time to have fun events on top of all the serious work! Read on for a few highlights of what we've been doing.

Moscow City Council adopted the Climate Action Plan!

After a year of advocacy, Moscow has pledged to hit net-zero emissions by 2050, reduce community-wide emissions 56.6% by 2035, and achieve net-zero emissions for City Municipal Operations by 2035.



We commissioned an independent rooftop solar study!

After Idaho Power released their VODER study—which used biased data and methodologies and showed it intends to slash rooftop solar compensation rates by over 60%—we and our partners knew we had to do something. So, **we came together and commissioned Crossborder Energy to conduct an independent study** using the same criteria as Idaho Power, and it confirmed what we thought—Idaho Power's study undervalues solar and leaves out crucial data about the environmental and economic benefits of solar.



Final Murray-Inslee Report calls for dam replacement!

After hard work from salmon advocacy groups and Northwest Tribes, the final report from Washington Governor Inslee & Senator Murray was released with a clear message: **the status quo is not an option**, and to save Idaho's salmon **the Lower Snake River Dams can and must be breached**.



Solar for All: Idaho Power is *Feeling the Heat*

Lisa Young, Chapter Director

The battle to defend rooftop solar waged on this year with Idaho Power's long-awaited release of its "Value of Distributed Energy Resources (VODER) Study"—a.k.a. its "solar study." This was the study ordered by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in 2019 after a resounding public outcry when Idaho Power first proposed slashing compensation rates to solar owners. The PUC said the utility needed to conduct a "fair and credible" study to back it up.

We knew it would be near impossible for Idaho Power to conduct a truly "fair and credible" study when it clearly had a (profit-driven) goal to cut solar compensation rates. We knew it would probably use biased data and methodologies to have its study result in the lowest value possible.

When the study was released in late June, our fears were confirmed. But we immediately began organizing Sierra Club members, partners, and the press to expose the study's biases, flaws, and omissions and lift up the voices of concerned solar owners, ratepayers, local businesses, and youth to urge the PUC to reject Idaho Power's study.

In August, after holding a public webinar and mobilizing over 350 written comments overnight, **we convinced the PUC to hold not only one but an unprecedented three public hearings** across southern Idaho.

In September, **we helped release an independent study by engineers and analysts at Crossborder Energy** that proved Idaho Power was massively undervaluing rooftop solar, garnering attention from local and national press outlets.

In October, **we helped galvanize nearly 1,000 public comments to the PUC** demanding a fair study and fair rates.

And in November, **we helped pack the room (and the overflow room) at the final hearing in Boise**, where the PUC heard three hours of testimony in opposition to Idaho Power's study—personal stories and pleas from people of all ages, occupations, and backgrounds who are directly impacted by Idaho Power's relentless efforts to make rooftop solar less affordable.



While we await the PUC's decision this year—and start preparing for Idaho Power's solar rate case next year—we know that one thing is true no matter the outcome: our Solar for All movement is growing, and it must keep growing until everyone has a fair and affordable opportunity to own and benefit from local, clean, resilient solar power (not just wealthy white homeowners and greedy corporate utilities). Whether you join us online, in the streets, or in the hearing room, **together we'll continue to defend and expand solar democracy in Idaho.**

You Helped Save Energy Efficiency in Idaho!

Damon Woods, Executive Committee Member

The Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) **had proposed removing large sections of the energy efficiency code in Idaho** as part of the zero-based rule making process. While some pieces of the code would have remained, many sections were slated for removal. These changes included: removing air tightness testing options for new homes, removing minimum equipment efficiencies for fans and air conditioning, removing efficient lighting standards for buildings and rolling back additional efficiency provisions.

Thanks to public comments (and letters from Idaho utilities) **these changes were rejected**. However, discussion will be ongoing and DOPL will meet with HVAC, plumbing, and electrical boards to consider whether portions of the code will be moved to other boards. The Division of Building Safety Building Codes board heard loud and clear that this process needs more time and information before a final vote.

Buildings account for 40% of energy use in Idaho (24% commercial, 16% residential). **Energy efficiency is an important issue and you helped by making your voice heard in written comments**. Hopefully, a compromise will be reached in the coming months to preserve most of the existing efficiency code. The board appeared frustrated at the sheer magnitude and scope of the proposed removals. A number of organizations have opposed DOPL's proposed changes including the City of Boise, ASHRAE Idaho, Building Safety Professionals of Idaho, Idaho Conservation League, and Conservation Voters of Idaho. Stay tuned over the next few months to hear what the board will do next.

You can see the proposed changes and find additional information on the issue here:

<https://bspsi.org/idaho-energy-codes/>



Energy codes ensure safe, healthy and comfortable places to live and work.


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Indoor Air Quality
 Adequate ventilation removes indoor pollutants to ensure a healthy indoor environment. With extreme weather causing high temperatures and wildfires, good ventilation keeps both the heat and smoke out of homes and businesses.
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Moisture Management
 Moisture infiltration in construction materials can lead to major rotting issues and toxic mold growth. Energy codes give builders options for materials to dry out and require buildings to be well-insulated.
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Resilient Buildings
 Newer energy codes enable residents to safely shelter in place for longer periods of time during natural disasters—which will only grow more frequent due to the climate crisis—giving first responders critical flexibility in resource distribution.

Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

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Idaho Climate Justice League's Year of Action!

Vienne Aberle, Communications & Advancement Assistant

The Idaho Climate Justice League's high school student teams in Boise and Moscow have had lots of success this year in advocating for climate action in their communities. From rallies and walk-outs, to speaking with city council and testifying at a public hearing, these students have built power in their communities and inspired change and action, all while developing their own talents and skills. Who better to hear from on these experiences than the students themselves?

Earth Day Rally

Nikita Thomas, Boise Team Youth Leader

This April, Climate Justice League worked with the Youth Salmon Protectors to organize a rally on Earth Day at the Idaho Capitol Building steps during our lunch hour. We had three student speakers from different high schools in Boise and Meridian. At this rally, we focused on climate education, clean energy, and salmon recovery. Several students presented poems that they wrote about climate change and a student sang a song. We also decided to start an annual tradition of recognizing leaders who have made great strides for climate justice in our community with the Outstanding Progress in Climate Action Award. This year, we gave the award to Boise Mayor Lauren McLean for leading in the effort in Boise's 100% Clean Energy Plan and creating the Climate Action Roadmap, a plan to make Boise's government facilities carbon neutral by 2035. After this, students marched around the Capitol Building with banners and signs.

The next day, we got up early and created a chalk mural in the middle of the 8th and Idaho Street intersection in recognition of Earth Day. We drew an Earth with flowers and salmon to show that we want climate justice now!



#FridaysForFuture Youth Climate Rally

In solidarity with a global youth movement for climate action, our Boise team planned a walk-out and rally at the Capitol Building on September 23rd, where they called upon corporations and regulators to take accountability for their role in the climate crisis, and to urge them to take action and save the planet before it's too late. High school students from across Boise spoke, and afterward marched at the Capitol Building with signs and chants demanding action.

May, a Climate Justice League member, reflected on her experience below.



Mayisa Rahman, Boise Team Youth Activist

It was down to the last few moments before go-time. I was waiting for the signal before opening a rally at my state capitol, and was about to discover my love for public speaking. In retrospect, I realize my warm experience was a product of a hard working team. From truly listening to one another in the process of organizing an event, to being able to depend on each other before a rally, the connection we have as the Idaho Climate Justice League (CJL), reaches audiences of all levels. From high school students at the rally at the capitol to Idaho Power board members, our impact stems from the club's inclusive nature.

The signal I was awaiting was a non verbal queue based on trust in another CJL member. Non-profit teams like CJL are selfless; our success is measured not by endorsements, but by the translation of our passion for the environment with the community. At the state capitol rally, we were able to move the audience through our personalized speeches, chants, and marches. Our passion was built collectively at weekly meetings where opinions were shared and ideas were listened to. We are all equally committed, and support each other as friends, colleagues, and allies. The strength in our unity is apparent, and we will continue to fight for the climate as impassioned youth with this platform.

Press Conference & Public Hearing

Sidney Snider, Boise Team Youth Activist

In June 2022, Idaho Power released a study devaluing solar energy, and revealing their intent to cut back on the amount of money solar owners get for selling their unused power back to the grid. When we heard this at Climate Justice League, we knew we wanted to advocate against this study. We firmly believe that solar usage is one of the first ways to combat climate change on a local level, and felt like this study was a major setback.

We decided to plan a rally in November. Before the Public Utilities Commission's hearing, we had a press conference and rally outside. We had a lot of great speakers, including our Chapter Director, a few CJL members, and some solar experts. We chanted and held our signs to let our opinions be known. Afterward, we went to the hearing to testify. Our CJL members were the last ones to testify, and we listened to three hours of testimonies! It was an incredibly educational experience that we will all bring with us in our futures. Everyone there was impressed to see young people speaking up for their opinions and futures, and had a lot of kind words for us. We are still awaiting the PUC's decision by the end of the year, and hope we were able to be as influential on the Commission as this experience was for us.



Moscow's Youth Climate Walkout + Climate Action Plan Adoption!

Mia Heinlein, Moscow Team Youth Leader

Over the past year, in Moscow, Idaho, youth have been asking the City to take action on city sustainability and the climate. Due to Climate Justice League's efforts and voice, City staff drafted a Climate Action Plan to reduce the city's emissions. In response to the draft plan, and after six months of revisions, we put together the Moscow Youth Climate Walkout to highlight local climate issues, with an emphasis on passing the City of Moscow's Climate Action Plan.

On September 28th, over 150 students walked out of class to East City Park to show support for the Climate Action Plan. Local speakers and organizations provided individual sustainability tips and resources for climate advocacy in the area. Notable speakers included David Nelson, Senator for District 6; Nancy Cheney, Mayor of Moscow 2006 – 2014; and Kelli Cooper with the City of Moscow, who substantially drafted the plan. The walkout was a success, and on October 3rd, *Moscow City Council adopted the Climate Action Plan!*



Electric School Buses

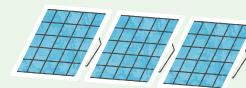
Ian Schlater



Throughout the spring semester and summer, students from Moscow High School researched and presented about the EPA's electric school bus rebate program to the school board. After our presentation, the board members were interested yet concerned about the feasibility for Moscow School District financially. The school district had conversations with the EPA, neighboring districts, and our local Climate Justice League chapter, and the district applied for two electric buses. Our school district wasn't selected, but we hope they apply again next year.

Solar Bears

Ian Schlater, Moscow Team Youth Leader

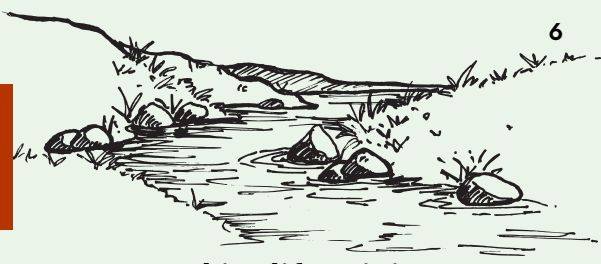


Over the summer, I received grants from Ecology Project International and Power of Youth to educate students about solar energy in the Moscow School District. Small educational solar panels and multimeters to measure the electricity produced were purchased. I sent 12 sets of panels to schools and non-profits around Moscow, reaching up to 1,800 students. Schools have requested that Climate Justice League (CJL) members and myself come and present about the benefits, shortcomings, and future of renewable energy.

After brainstorming with CJL, I thought it would be great for students to see a large-scale solar array. We spoke at the Moscow Sustainable Environment Commission (SEC), asking for funding for the project. After this presentation, the SEC recommended to City Council that \$20,000 be set aside for a solar array. CJL members are continuing this project and in conversation with the City and school district. We hope to have it installed by the end of the school year.

One Bite At a Time

Dave Cannamela, volunteer leader & fish biologist



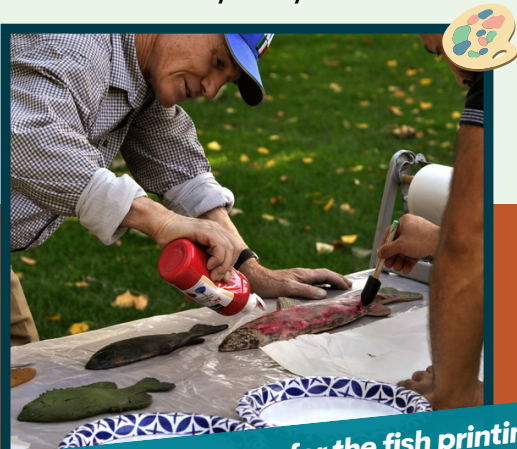
One bite at a time is how we will recover the Snake River ecosystem and its life-giving salmon runs. For nearly 40 years now some of us have been working for the day when the Snake River is restored—when the four lower Snake River dams are removed. Now we are on the cusp of restoring this river and the cultures, economies and ecosystems it supports: *after a groundswell of public pressure this year, the Murraray-Inslee Report was released and the Biden Administration stepped up, finally showing critical government support for dam breaching.*

Everything helps—**every effort, no matter how trivial it might feel, helps, because our actions are cumulative.** Everyone—everyone who wants to see salmon recovery that is—can take action (or choose not to).

And so it is that the Idaho Sierra Club, in part for “fun” and in part to contribute to the movement, decided to put on a salmon dinner. It sounds so simple, but take it from someone who has been involved with many of these—it ain’t! The inexperienced have no idea—otherwise they wouldn’t do it. And yet, it was great! With a ton of help from all corners, complete with classic last-minute emergencies, **we put on a really good event—one that served wild salmon to 70 people while providing critical information on the “salmon issue” and what role we all can play.**



Thanks are in order for a ton of folks—Debi Mahler and Bill Hill, who provided the grills, and **Keith Haga**, who transported them; **Vienne Aberle and Jenna Welle**, who did a fantastic job cooking the fish; **Jenna Duffin’s** homemade pumpkin cupcakes that were delicious; **Anna Yocom**, our photographer and face painter in one; our crew of volunteers **Alayna, Bob, Elsa, Morty**; and **Lisa Young**, the Chapter Director who kept the whole thing organized from the beginning with a ton of logistical help from **Dani Rooney**, our BSU Student Fellow. A big thank you to **Bert Bowler** who bought 10 tickets instead of 1 by mistake, but let it ride. Our gratitude goes to **Rocky Barker**, who gave us a rundown of the current situation as an expert and longtime salmon journalist and advocate. Huge appreciations to board member **Mitch Long** who got this whole ball rolling in August. Finally, thank you to all of the attendees for their action and financial support, along with the community they’ve created around salmon recovery efforts.



And thank YOU, Dave, for the fish printing, salmon trivia, and inspiring speech!



(cont.) This salmon recovery stuff is difficult, frustrating, infuriating, tiring—to say the least. And that’s why events such as this are important. We need some relief, levity, however temporary, and socialization. We need to see the people we depend on and who depend on us. We need ways to catch our breath, bolster our optimism, and recharge our batteries in preparation for the next lift.

When you take action, or fail to, keep in mind that **salmon recovery means:**

- A restored, properly functioning ecosystem
- Justice for Indigenous peoples and revitalization of their culture, religion, and spiritual and physical health
- Abundant, harvestable, sustainable salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey runs
- Recovery of Southern Resident Killer Whales (Orcas) and all the other creatures who depend on Snake River salmon
- Restoration of economically and spiritually important sport and commercial fisheries and the businesses they support
- A legacy we can be proud of—giving future generations the gift of salmon

So, what is there to do? Write or call the Biden Administration (CEQ, DOE), talk to a neighbor, join and volunteer with conservation groups like Sierra Club and Indigenous-led groups, or write a letter to the editor! Learn more here: www.sierraclub.org/idaho/salmon-recovery



Welcome our new staff member, Vienne!

Lisa Young, Chapter Director

I'm so excited to welcome and introduce our new Communications & Advancement Assistant, Vienne Aberle (she/they), who joined our staff team in June! Originally from Southeast Virginia, she moved to Boise to attend Boise State University, where she graduated with a BA in Writing, Rhetoric, and Technical Communication. Vienne is a strong-willed advocate for inclusivity, accessibility, and justice and brings a fresh perspective to the team as we continue our fight for climate justice in Idaho!

In her role at the Idaho Chapter, Vienne supports all aspects of our communications, from managing our social media accounts and making appealing graphics and factsheets, to creating newsletter, email, and text outreach content. Additionally, she supports our fundraising efforts by processing donations, communicating with donors, and helping to strategize around fundraising events and opportunities that bring more resources into the organization to support our important work. Outside of those areas, Vienne also works with our youth activists, equity team, outings program, and wherever else she can learn and help out!

We're so grateful for everything that Vienne does to communicate key messages out to our members and the world each day, and to keep our chapter running. The next time you see a chapter resource you appreciate online or in your mailbox, please take a moment to thank Vienne! And if you'd like to support her work as a volunteer, please reach out via email: vienne.aberle@sierraclub.org



Bonus: Meet Toast!
This snuggly boy often makes an appearance in our office with Vienne!

Paradise Ridge: After 23 years, it isn't over yet!

Al Poplowsky, Palouse Group Chair & Executive Committee Vice-Chair

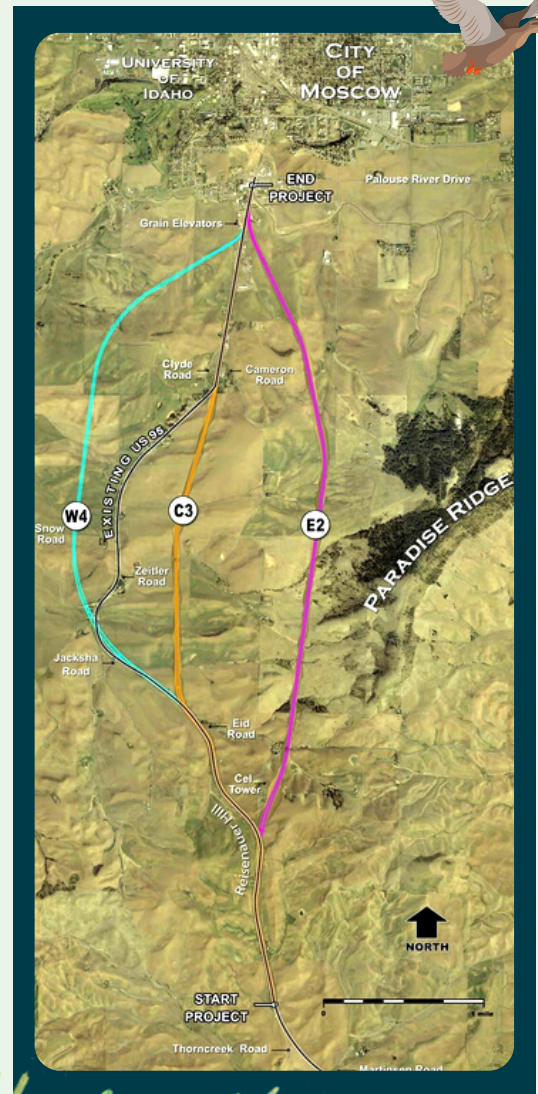
The Palouse Group of the Sierra Club, as a member of the Paradise Ridge Defense Coalition (PRDC), has been battling the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) over the HWY 95 re-route and widening project since 1999. This project runs from Thorn Creek to Moscow. ITD has continually pushed for the E2 (eastern) route, which goes high over the shoulder of Paradise Ridge, threatens some of the last native Palouse Prairie patches, and destroys 13 wetland and riparian sites. Alternatively, PRDC has advocated for the C3 (central) route, which mostly follows the current highway footprint, preserves Palouse Prairie patches, and does less wetland damage.

A successful PRDC lawsuit early in the fight forced ITD to perform a thorough Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) instead of the more surface-level and hasty environmental assessment they originally proposed. After ten years, ITD finished the EIS which clearly showed their chosen alternative—E2—to be the most environmentally damaging alternative. PRDC sued for National Environmental Policy Act violations and, as the judge wrote, "lost by the narrowest of margins."

ITD was then required to obtain a Clean Water Act (CWA) Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in order to destroy wetlands. After failing to obtain the more stringent individual project permit, which required them to have picked the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative, USACE granted them a Nationwide permit which does not have that requirement. However, the permit *does* require that any affected wetlands be 0.5 acres or less in size, and although the original EIS showed several of the wetlands to be *greater than 0.5 acres*, **ITD claimed that changed conditions and suddenly reduced wetlands meant they were under the 0.5 acre requirement.**

PRDC wasn't convinced. So, last summer PRDC hired (at a great expense) wetlands biologists and surveyors to document the size of one of the wetlands. **This site was documented as greater than an acre in size, and became the basis of a 3rd PRDC lawsuit.** When presented with the data, USACE agreed with the PRDC assessment and suspended its permit to ITD. Unfortunately, ITD had already started construction activities and destroyed several of the thirteen wetland sites. USACE required them to cease all activities at the remaining wetland sites until further notice, and has since indicated that it may independently analyze all remaining sites.

Our lawyers tell us that the best case scenario is that ITD will be forced to apply for an individual project permit, where only the less damaging central alternative will fit the requirements, and a judge will require ITD to repair all the damage they caused on the eastern route. There are of course several other scenarios—no one can predict how this will all turn out. **However, PRDC has incurred major costs from this and would greatly appreciate contributions toward those outstanding bills.**



2 Ways to Donate to the PRDC
 Online: www.givebutter.com/supportPRDC
 By mail: PRDC, PO Box 8804, Moscow, ID 83843

The Revival of Outings!

After the pandemic shut everything down, including our Outings program, we've been eagerly waiting for our opportunity to revamp—and this summer, we did just that! Check out the super cool stuff we've made happen already! **Want to help us plan more Outings in the future? Email us at idaho.chapter@sierraclub.org to let us know!**



OUTdoors Idaho (LGBTQ+ only) group tackles a hike near Stack Rock in Boise!



Youth paddle boarding, Sept 2022



Salmon advocates in Stolle Meadows to see salmon spawning!



OUTdoors ID Hike, Oct 2022



Youth-led Climate Justice League Members paddle boarding at Quinn's Pond!



Stolle Meadows Outing, Aug 2022



Furry friends welcome on this trip!



OMG...That View!!



Salmon spotted!

Volunteer with us!

Events: Help plan our annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival and other fun events!

Equity Team: Build accountability for the chapter to be more equitable, inclusive, & just. Meets every 3rd Thursday, 6:30–8:00pm MT.

Outings: Coordinate and lead fun, inspiring, and inclusive outings for the chapter, including OUTdoors Idaho LGBTQ+ outings.

Salmon Team: Take action to save Idaho salmon and river communities. Meets every 1st Wednesday, 12–1pm MT.

Climate Justice League: Youth-led action group for high school students. Meets every Monday, 6:30–7:30pm MT.

Fundraising: Help with a range of fundraising tasks, like writing thank-you notes to donors, hand-addressing letters, or building relationships with existing and potential donors!

Become a Monthly Donor

Monthly giving is the easiest way to support the great conservation work the Idaho Sierra Club is doing! Monthly support at any level provides reliable funding to help the Club work on the local projects you care about.

To become a local monthly donor visit the **DONATE** page on the Idaho Chapter Sierra Club Website: www.sierraclub.org/idaho

Preserve the Future

Not everyone can make a large gift to protect the environment during their lifetime, but you can preserve the environment for generations to come by remembering Sierra Club in your will. There are many gift options available. We can even help plan your gift to our local Idaho Chapter.

For more information and confidential assistance, contact the Sierra Club Gift Planning Program by **emailing gift.planning@sierraclub.org** or **calling (800) 932-4270**.

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Executive Committee Election Candidates!

All Sierra Club members in the Idaho Chapter are eligible to vote in this election. You can vote for four candidates to elect for service on the Chapter's Executive Committee (Board). **Find the ballot on our website at www.sierraclub.org/idaho and cast your vote by December 31st.** Please note that your **Member ID (printed next to your address on the back)** is required to vote.



Jenna Duffin (she/her)

Jenna Duffin is a native Idahoan who loves the great outdoors and everything Idaho has to offer. She holds a PhD in Water Resources from the University of Idaho where she studied the effectiveness of river restoration practices and aquatic habitat changes due to water management practices and climate change. Currently, as an ecohydrologist, Jenna works to ensure the health of natural river systems. You can often find Jenna in her garden or on a trail looking at cool rocks. She is passionate about educating and taking action on environmental issues including clean energy, local food, and water resource issues. She has served on the Idaho Sierra Club Executive Committee for 6 years and strives to represent Idaho's ambitious environmental community and its passion for environmental protection.



Jason Pretty Boy (he/him)

Jason Pretty Boy (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe) grew up in Southern Idaho on the family ranch, that instilled in him the reality that we are responsible for the sustainment of our environment and lands. Since that time Jason has sat on the board of Sightline Institute, worked for environmental organizations throughout the Pacific NW and currently works with the Indigenous Idaho Alliance as part of a resistance against oppressive political and social systems that adversely affect Indigenous Nations that have called this land home for countless generations. Idaho is truly a gem among the states, with our mountains to deserts, our prairies to rolling hills. We must protect the lands for future generations.



Crystal Rain (she/her)

Crystal has been honored to serve on the ExCom for the past two years, and wishes to serve you again. As a former program associate for Conservation Voters for Idaho, Crystal worked closely with Chapter staff to achieve shared goals connected to clean energy, public land protection, and sustainability throughout the state. Through that collaboration, she gained a deep appreciation for the grassroots, equity-centered work that is unique to the Sierra Club. She has served on the boards of the Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance and Canals Connect Communities Coalition to promote active transportation throughout the Treasure Valley. Now as the planning and zoning manager for the City of Boise, she has sought to fold climate and conservation into the fabric of our policies and processes. Crystal will continue striving to ensure all Idahoans have the opportunity to live healthy lives enjoying the beautiful place we call our home.



Ian Schlater (he/him)

Every year, Ian has experienced the same things: smoke from wildfires closes down sports and school, increasing summer and winter temperatures means less snowfall and snowpack, drought, flooding, heavy rain, and hail which reduces crop yield. Future generations shouldn't have to live like this. Ian has invoked widespread action against climate change through volunteering, teaching, and political involvement. His involvement in Climate Justice League (CJL), a youth climate advocacy group associated with the Sierra Club, has increased his leadership, organizational skills, and passion for environmental action. As Co-President of CJL, they were editing members of the City of Moscow's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and encouraged City Council to adopt the CAP, which they did on October 4th, 2022. As an executive committee member, Ian would bring an engaged and involved North Idaho youth voice to the Sierra Club.



Sangam Stanczak (she/her)

Sangam holds a Ph.D. in environmental engineering and a professional engineering license. Her dissertation was based in Kenya where she helped reduce incidence of childhood diarrhea by 50%. She has a decade of experience working with regulators developing recycled water policies. She is one of the pioneers of One Community Global, which is a 100% volunteer, non-profit organization creating open source blueprints addressing all aspects of sustainable living. She is passionate about healing intergenerational trauma and currently starting a second career path as a therapist. In her free time, Sangam is singing in the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship choir, will be acting as the childcare coordinator there, spending quality time with friends and family, and meditating. She questions societal norms to push us towards a higher standard of living that is aligned with the Highest Good of All thinking.



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