

It seems as if there is a movement to get rid of anything that "inconveniences" a vocal group without taking into consideration how it affect other groups. This is the same with the idea of staying on daylight savings time permanently.

There are two large groups staying on Daylight Savings Time would negatively impact:

1. Anyone who works outside all the year, specifically construction workers and utility workers.
2. Elementary school students.

In the Portland metro area the sun would not rise until 8:50 AM in the dead of winter. This means elementary school students who start school at 7:45 in the morning would walk to school in the complete dark. As it is currently they walk to school when it's starting to get light out.

Yes, the time change is something people have to get used to in the fall and in the spring, however, it's no different than flying between time zones. Millions of people do it every day and they get along just fine in their lives.

If someone wants the sun to set a little later in the winter, I would suggest they get up earlier and go to work earlier.

What's next? We move to central time or how about east coast time? Then the sun wouldn't set until 7:30 in the winter and midnight in the summer so that a vocal minority doesn't have to get up early. So if you want elementary school children walking to school in the dark you should move ahead with this short sighted idea. If not, stop pushing for it.

-Jon Simonson  
Happy Valley, OR