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Public statement & proposal

Climate change

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The reason's I'm opposed to cap and trade legislation, due to misinformation and false pretenses. As a result of my own observations as a citizen of THE STATE OF OREGON. As well as a solution to the devastating wild fires, that cost so many lives, resources, and much revenue.

Public statement.

I Jonathan Allen Mix of Lincoln county Oregon am opposed to cap and trade legislation because of the use of misleading information to manipulate the public's emotions in order to push a globalist agenda, not just climate change but on other fronts as well. Fear.

More specifically the fear of wild fires, as a 24-year active firefighter I have witnessed a great deal of tragic loss, of lives and livelihoods. I started fighting fires when I was 16 years old; I was the second student in the student volunteer program at the Pine Grove rural fire department in Hood River Oregon. I have also volunteered at five different districts in Oregon and Washington. I currently work as an Engine Boss for a small region six contractor, since 2011. The engine I operate is one of three type six that my employer owns and all three are in the top ten on the central Oregon dispatch list. We typically get dispatched after the agency's type sixes are assigned to fires and sometimes when there are no other resources available, so pretty much when it's hitting the fan. I have experience with the whole spectrum of fires from initial attack to extended attack, typically while on extended attack of Federal fires we burn out the fuel in-between the fire and the control lines; sometimes it gets away, most of the time it works.

This is one place the misleading information gets the public concerned, due to the ignorance of the public and the vague news they receive, they assume the worst. Fire season 2019 was the first year in my eight years as a wildland fire contractor that I was not dispatched to a single fire, although there were small fires, the US Forest Service did not utilize most of the fires to clean up the forest.

According to the Oregon department of forestry website at;
https://apps.odf.oregon.gov/DIVISIONS/protection/fire_protection/fires/SeasonFireStats.asp

The graph below is a sample that displays all areas, all causes, **from 2/12/2019 – 2/12/2020**, as the total number of fires in Oregon to be **1,019 at 17,062.5 acres** even though the majority are not actual fires.

To the lay person it still looks bad, but if you look at the various causes of fires in the sample below a lot are violations, not necessarily a fire, but, regardless, recorded as a fire at 0.1 (1/10th) of an acre.

712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	6/26/2019	Equipment Use	PP-355500/Riverbanks	B85	0.1
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	6/26/2019	Equipment Use	PP-357000/Quail Ln 200	B86	0.1
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	6/26/2019	Equipment Use	PP-01337006/Southside Rd	B87	0.1

712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	6/26/2019	Equipment Use		PP-1334006/Leland B88 Rd		0.01
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	6/26/2019	Equipment Use		PP-R156/W Evans Crk 8232	B89	0.01
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/1/2019	Equipment Use	Other Equipment Use	Interstate 5 MM51 SB	005	1.3
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/4/2019	Miscellaneous	Burning Building	Gold Canyon 290	021	0.1
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/4/2019	Equipment Use	Other Equipment Use	N Applegate 17575	025	3.74
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/4/2019	Miscellaneous	Other - Miscellaneous Related	E Evans Crk/Earheart Rd	028	0.01
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/4/2019	Recreationist	Campfire Unattended (Camp Site)	RR Highway	032	0.01
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/5/2019	Equipment Use	Carbon Sparks from Vehicle	Williams Hwy 4700 Blk	052	0.01
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/5/2019	Smoking	Other - Smoker Related	Wild Rivers	036	0.01
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/10/2019	Miscellaneous	Burning Building	Garner Rd 670	095	0.1
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/11/2019	Equipment Use	Burning Vehicle or Equipment	Holland Loop 5373	096	0.01
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/11/2019	Equipment Use	Rotary Saw - Sparks or Friction	Hog Creek	101	0.2
712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/12/2019	Smoking	Other - Smoker Related	Hanby Ln	112	0.01

712 - Southwest, Grants Pass	7/15/2019	Recreationist	Campfire Not Extinguished	Walker Mt.	131	0.01
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This further confuses the uninformed and enhances the ability to manipulate the actual facts.

Upon researching climate change at the EPA website, I noticed some other inaccuracies. See their sample statement below under "Summary of Key Points." You can also go to their website at: <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/weather-climate>

Summary of Key Points

- **U.S. and Global Temperature.** Average temperatures have risen across the contiguous 48 states since 1901, with an increased rate of warming over the past 30 years. Eight of the top 10 warmest years on record have occurred since 1998. Average global temperatures show a similar trend, and all of the top 10 warmest years on record worldwide have occurred since 1998. Within the United States, temperatures in parts of the North, the West, and Alaska have increased the most.

Here's the problem

With the science mentioned above; one of the biggest problems is the fact that they use averages of measurements. For example, the difference in information averaging what they knew in 1901, with not as much input, and comparing it with our current information. Today's averages are more accurate. This also *assumes* the measurements that were taken in 1901 were taken in the same locations as today, the same season, the same technique that has not been refined, and that there were no mistakes made, to say the least.

We cannot control the solar radiation, the proximity of the earth to sun, the magnetic decay, the polar shift, the volcanic hot spots, and any other known or unknown factors of the universe.

Yes, the climate is changing; the only constant *is change*. Yes, we need to individually do our part to ensure a healthy environment for the future generations. We can choose to reduce, reuse, and recycle; use older technology, drive older cars, turn the thermostat down, turn lights off, car pool, and grow our own food, etc.

What we don't need is the governing body to *force* us to do these things via tax; increasing the canyon in-between the rich and the poor, hindering the chances of prosperity, and curbing the will to enhance our economic status.

To assume we can collect and use energy without impacting the environment is a great misconception. The green renewable energy is a fantasy, due to the life span of products, the pollution generated from the manufacturing and shipping of the products and the known or unknown effects the energy collector has on the environment.

My proposal

1. I propose that The Oregon Department of Forestry and the US FOREST SERVICE reduce the fuel loads in the forest, utilizing the unused revenue from the previous fire season
2. To solicit contractors to clean (by hand and machine) a healthy percentage of the underbrush, dead and down heavy fuels, limbs and litter with the use of low intensity fire during the off-season to consume the unwanted vegetation; thus, enhancing quality of the soil, habitat.
3. To retrain as well as train new fire fighters; thus, utilizing the experience and knowledge of the fire fighters.
4. To advance the public's knowledge of fire and its benefits, with education of how we can reduce the catastrophic fires with construction and building location options.
5. To open old logging roads for fire access, in addition to more water storage features in strategic locations would also prepare for the next drought.