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The jet stream is changing. Gentle flowing streams are now turning into meandering streams that stall out. This causes severe weather events in our state. Prolonged droughts, fire and flooding are the consequences. A cabin once owned by my grandparents is gone. Swept away by a river that could no longer stay in its lane. Record snow and record snow melt in a short period of time caused it. The fallout from the flood caused significant damage to the Walla Walla river basin. Green house gases are the reason the Arctic is melting. Without the Arctic, we will have no jet streams and we will have no weather seasons. Why is the Arctic melting? Green house gases. Big oil is the number one contributor. Negative externality is the outcome. They sell oil, we need oil and the environment gets caught in the crosshairs. We need preventative legislation. We need the fossil fuel companies to help pay for the damage and retool.