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With our forests, rivers, and streams already struggling with warmer temperatures, we urge you to move quickly toward a future powered by wind, water, and solar energy.

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Now is the time to decide our energy future. We have the money, the technology, and the work force to move quickly to renewable energy. Every dollar we spend on new fossil fuel infrastructure takes that dollar away from renewables.

**So what can you do?** Help support 350 Montana’s efforts by signing this petition encouraging Montana’s move to carbon-free renewable energy. And stay tuned!

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