

## Where Do You Fit In?

[Sixty-five percent of Montanans believe global warming will harm future generations](#). Fifty-nine percent think it should be a priority for the president and Congress, and [58 percent think citizens should do more to address global warming](#). Couch potatoes rise!

There are three ways you can do more: get more informed, support groups working in Montana, and become more politically active yourself.

To get better informed, google the [Montana Climate Assessment](#), the [National Climate Assessment](#), and the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's sixth assessment](#). Those reports will give you the local, national, and international perspectives of the world's best climate scientists. You can also download a copy of the Held decision by going to 350 Montana's website: <https://www.350montana.org/2023/08/18/judge-seeleys-decision-is-worth-reading/>

Here's a woefully incomplete list of Montana climate organizations:

[The Montana Environmental Information Center](#), the [Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club](#), and [Northern Plains Resource Council](#) do day-to-day detailed work resisting the poor policy decisions made by the state government, the legislature, the public service commission, and Montana utilities. Their staff is way overworked, underpaid, smart, and dedicated.

[Missoula Climate Smart](#), [Climate Smart Glacier Country](#), [Families for a Livable Climate](#), and [Flathead Lakers](#) are very good at examining what it's going to take to adapt to a rapidly warming climate.

[Montana Citizens Climate Lobby](#) is an affiliate of a bipartisan national movement lobbying to enact sensible climate laws, including a carbon tax. [Montana Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate](#) has been very active looking at the health impacts of rising temperatures.

[Our Children's Trust](#) is an Oregon-based organization that represented the 16 Montana kids in the successful, precedent-setting *Held v Montana* case.

Other climate groups include the [Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Climate Change Advisory Committee](#), [Forward Montana](#), [Gallatin Valley Sunrise Movement](#), [Grow Safe Missoula](#), Helena Interfaith Climate Advocates, [MontPIRG](#), [Mountain Mamas](#), [Park County Environmental Council](#), [Protect Our Winters](#), [Blackfoot Country and Climate Change](#), and the [UM Climate Response Club](#).

Getting involved is hard for many people because most of us have forgotten the tools of democracy. The lowest hanging fruit, of course, is voting. You can also call or email your elected representatives. You can show up at public meetings and hearings. You can comment on environmental impact statements. You can turn your comment into a letter-to-the-editor of a

newspaper or on-line publication. You can help organize or participate in a demonstration. You can take part in civil disobedience.

[350 Montana](#) is the organization responsible for this publication. We welcome your participation in our organization, whose leaders meet every first and third Monday of the month.