

2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans

Plank #10 – Energy Independence and the Environment

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We have an obligation to be good stewards of God’s creation for future generations. We do not need to sacrifice a healthy economy in order to maintain a healthy environment.

We believe;

1. Global climate change, warming or cooling trends, are natural processes primarily impacted by the vulcanism on earth, the sun and natural orbital fluctuations, not induced significantly by human activity.
2. Environmental concerns are best addressed through private innovation and new technologies developed by the free market, rather than government mandated intervention.
3. CO2 is not a “greenhouse gas,” but rather an essential element of sustainable carbon-based life forms on our planet.
4. Dependence on foreign oil, natural gas, and mining of earth’s natural minerals threatens our national security and our economic prosperity. America should expand exploration, drilling and mining within our territorial lands and waters, wherever it may be responsibly and profitably conducted to achieve energy independence.
5. Environmental legislation is not a constitutionally granted Federal responsibility, but rather should be originated by state and local authorities as only local jurisdictions are expert in the need and impact of such legislation their constituents.

We oppose;

1. Laws that limit carbon dioxide emissions or mandate carbon sequestration.
2. The unelected Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authority to declare carbon dioxide, methane, or natural gas a pollutant and to control emissions and energy usage on any basis.
3. Any international treaty or trade agreement which would cede our national sovereignty by dictating limits on energy consumption, set arbitrary emission limits, impose international taxes, tariffs, or attempt to influence or control any aspect of American energy policy.
4. Granting legal rights, similar to those of human beings, to animals and plants.
5. Government subsidy of “green and renewable” energy or private enterprises products that cannot otherwise deliver energy and savings at competitive cost on their own merits.
6. The government imposition of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) standards upon the American automobile industry. The government has no legal right to require private

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companies to alter, introduce, or evolve their product offerings to meet arbitrarily set environmental objectives including electric or hydrogen fueled vehicles.

We support;

1. Repeal of the existing Endangered Species Act, or any other measure that does not fully consider the needs of our citizens, the economic cost of restrictions placed on usage of natural resources, and fails to define, in advance, reasonably attainable goals necessary to remove a species from unlimited protection.
2. Expanded use of nuclear, coal, oil, gas, and hydroelectric energy supply generation facilities using any technology available as best fits the market the facility would serve.