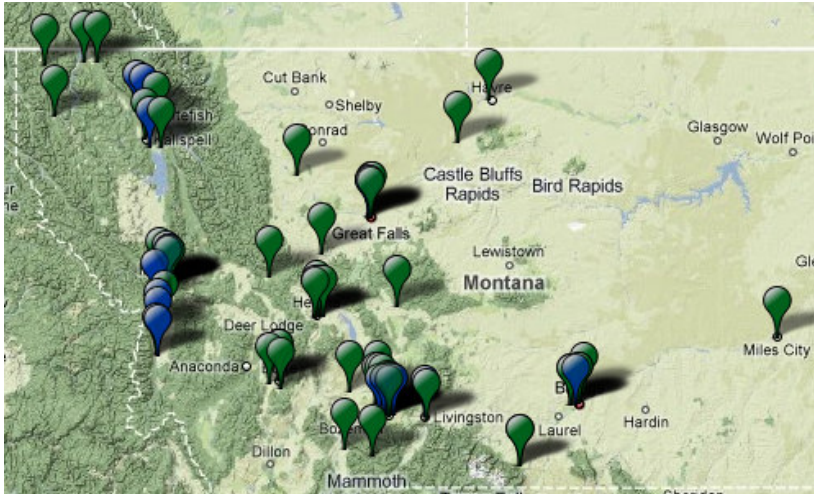


MONTANA WILL BENEFIT FROM CLEAN ENERGY LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS CARBON POLLUTION

Clean energy already provides hundreds of Montana workers with good jobs during hard times. This fact sheet collects several sources of information showing how accelerating the clean-energy transition will benefit Montana's economy – and, conversely, the costs and consequences of failing to act.



Less Carbon, More Jobs: This map locates some of the many of clean energy businesses in Montana

plants in Montana to earn savings from efficiency, with an average payback of only 1.2 years. Approximately 60% of these opportunities have yet to be implemented—representing significant, untapped savings potential.²

COSTS OF INACTION

According to a June 2009 report released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, inaction on global warming will cause significant harm to the Northwest and Great Plains. Falling springtime snowpack and rising temperatures will strain water supplies.³ These effects have heavy economic consequences for Montana.

- Montana's wood products industry—which provides more than **9,000 Montana jobs**⁴—is threatened by increasing insect outbreaks and wildfires.
- The 29,500 farms in Montana that produce **\$2.8 billion for the state**⁵ will lose ground to heat stress, droughts, and increasing weeds.
- The National Wildlife Federation shows how global warming will **damage the 21,683 jobs** provided by Montana's **\$910 million** hunting, wildlife-watching, and angling industries.⁶

START THE CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY NOW

Comprehensive energy and climate legislation would jumpstart a new energy economy in Montana and accelerate the growth of good-paying jobs. If we fail to act soon, the new markets for clean energy will grow overseas instead.

Montana can't afford to miss out on one of the largest new economic revolutions.

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