



Win: Controversial Power Plant for Data Centers Canceled

A contentious proposal to build 14 behind-the-meter methane gas generators to power data centers in Quincy, WA, was canceled last month amid opposition from Columbia Riverkeeper and our partners. KUOW [reports](#) that the developer will not move forward with the project, which would have locked in fossil fuel pollution for decades. We're also [pushing back](#) on Amazon's massive proposed Wallula Gap data center near the Tri-Cities.

Stand Up to Data Centers



Fighting the Gas Industry and for Environmental Justice

Our recent report, [Dirty Secrets](#), outlines how the rapid proliferation of data centers is behind a new push for gas in the Pacific Northwest. Columbia Riverkeeper Staff Attorney Audrey Leonard [appeared](#) on KBOO-FM to unpack how the rapid expansion of data centers threatens to undermine our region's climate goals. Give a listen and take action!

Stop New Gas Pipelines in Washington



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Progress for Cold Water and Salmon

Reservoirs on the Lower Snake and Columbia rivers trap the sun's heat, making

the water too hot for salmon. For over a decade, Columbia Riverkeeper and our allies have been using science and the Clean Water Act to ratchet up pressure on the federal government to reduce heat pollution caused by its dams. The Washington Department of Ecology rejected—again—the Army Corps and Bureau of Reclamation’s proposed Water Quality Attainment Plans for Columbia and Lower Snake river reservoirs, and committed to conduct a system-wide analysis of temperature to achieve the best outcomes for temperature and fish.

[Learn More](#)



New Report on Most Toxic Place in U.S.

Columbia Riverkeeper just released a new report, [*Hanford Nuclear Site Cleanup in the Age of Nuclear Uncertainty*](#), to probe Hanford cleanup during an acceleration of federal deregulation around safety and oversight of nuclear energy. The national push for nuclear energy development threatens to undercut a protective and lawful cleanup at Hanford, the most toxic place in America. The new report starts where plutonium production began: the 300 Area, one of the most important areas for focused cleanup, where groundwater is contaminated with uranium, tritium, nitrate, and other pollutants.

[Read the Report](#)



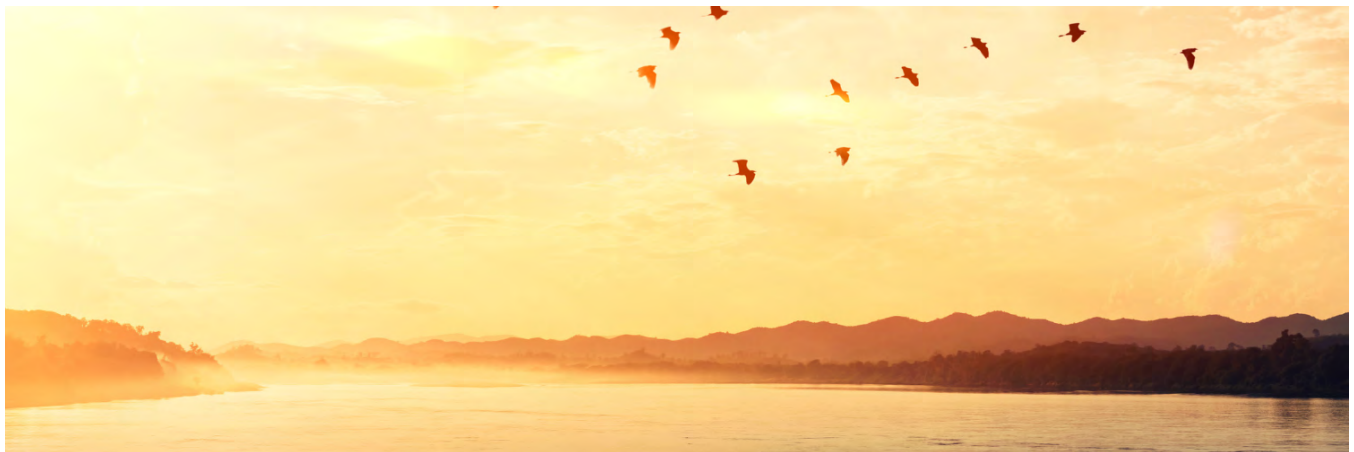


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Support for Tribes, River Communities During Catastrophic Wildfires

It's only the middle of August, and the Pacific Northwest has already experienced a historic wildfire season, with [no signs of slowing down](#). More than 2 million acres have burned in Oregon, and Tribal Nations have been hit especially hard. Communities need our support. A recent story co-published by Underscore Native News and ICT details many ways to donate and assist families across the Northwest impacted by the fires.

[Learn about Relief Efforts](#)

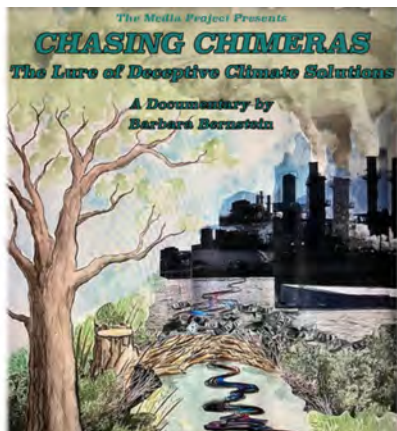
Events

Chasing Chimeras: The Lure of Deceptive Climate Solutions

September 13 @ 7 p.m.

Tomorrow Theater, 3530 SE Division St, Portland, OR 97202

As we confront the existential crisis of climate chaos there are two paths we can take. We can make dramatic changes that meaningfully reduce carbon emissions. Or we can accept the fossil fuel industry's self-serving climate solutions—renewable diesel, hydrogen, renewable natural gas, biofuels, carbon capture and storage and carbon offsets. [***Chasing Chimeras: The Lure of Deceptive Climate Solutions***](#), a 2023 documentary by Barbara Bernstein, tells stories of people living in the crosshairs of these proposals.



[Purchase Tickets](#)

These Sacred Hills Film Screening @ Riverside Church

September 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Riverside Community Church, 317 State St, Hood River, OR 97031

You are invited to a showing of the award-winning documentary, [***These Sacred***](#)

[Hills](#), a powerful three-year collaboration between filmmakers Jacob Bailey, Christopher Ward, and members of the Rock Creek Band of the Yakama Nation. The film follows members of the Rock Creek Band as they confront the Goldendale Pumped Storage development threatening their sacred mountain, Pushpum. A panel will follow the screening.



[RSVP Here](#)

Oregon's Data Center Advisory Committee Public Listening Session

September 23 @ 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Virtual

This is a critical moment to stand up to protect Oregon's water, air, climate, and communities from the onslaught of data centers. Governor Kotek convened the Data Center Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for a comprehensive regulatory framework. This is the last of three public listening sessions before the committee shares its preliminary findings report, and they need to hear from you!



[Learn More](#)

Save the Date: Columbia River Volunteer Cleanup

October 3 @ 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Nichols Natural Area, Hood River, OR 97031

Please join Columbia Riverkeeper for a river cleanup at the Nichols Natural Area near the Hood River Waterfront. Help protect clean water and create room for healthy and diverse riparian habitat. Stay tuned for our sign up form!

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Take Action

No Underwater Power Line

A developer is proposing a 100-mile energy transmission cable *under* the Columbia River from The Dalles to Portland. It's shocking. To date, there is very little known about the short- and long-term impacts of this project on the health of the Columbia River, and the developer's failure to answer key questions means they do not have enough information to move forward at this point. Tell decision makers: The Columbia River is not a place for experiments.

[Speak Up](#)

Join the Call for Bonneville Dam Cleanup

Fish that live year-round near Bonneville Dam contain some of the highest levels of cancer-causing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the country, making them too toxic to eat. Years of persistent advocacy by Yakama Nation and Columbia Riverkeeper led to this area finally being listed as a Superfund site on the National Priorities List 2022, making it a top-priority cleanup mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Cleanup has begun, but public health remains at risk, with those who depend on healthy, locally caught fish most impacted by this environmental justice issue.

Join the Call for Cleanup

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