



Dear Supporter

With all the dire news recently--from last week's report that 1 million species are on the brink of extinction, to the Arctic region reaching 84 degrees last weekend as carbon dioxide reach its highest level in human history--I wanted to share that we are still making a difference. As the Trump administration tries to slam the brakes on climate action, the unstoppable grassroots progress in towns, cities, and states gives us hope. With your support and engagement, we just announced coal plant retirements numbers 288 and 289 since our Beyond Coal campaign began in 2010. These two retirements alone will eliminate 2 million tons of climate pollution per year, equal to taking over 350,000 cars off the road. It also means that [over 50 coal plants have announced their retirement since Donald Trump took office.](#) That's a clear sign that his pro-coal agenda isn't going to stop grassroots power from moving the country beyond coal to clean energy.

This comes on the heels of another amazing energy milestone: In April, for the first time in history, the renewable energy production in the U.S. is projected to surpass coal! We got here because of the determination of thousands of inspiring grassroots advocates, including you and many partner organizations, to what [CNN called "a tipping point."](#) The momentum behind these milestones keeps building, which means more big milestones are ahead.

Here is another week of highlights contributing to our progress:

- **“Our Drumbeat is the Heartbeat of the Grizzly:”** We organized a [successful House Natural Resources Subcommittee hearing with Tribal leaders](#) from the Hopi Tribe, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, Global Indigenous Council, and the Northern Arapaho Elders Society, along with Dr. Barrie Gilbert of Utah State University to support the Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act, sponsored by Representative Raul Grijalva (D-Arizona). The legislation is the culmination of years of work creating and building support for [The Grizzly: A Treaty of Cooperation, Cultural Revitalization, and Restoration.](#) The Act would ban trophy hunting of grizzly bears, fully involve Tribal Nations in grizzly bear management decisions, and foster reintroduction of grizzly bears to suitable habitat on Tribal lands in the bear's historic range.

- **#StopExtinction:** On Monday, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service honored the request of over 22 organizations, including the Sierra Club, and granted an extension of a 60-day comment period on the decision to strip Endangered Species Act protection for Gray Wolves. The Sierra Club collected over 65,000 comments, contributing to the 1.2 million total comments submitted opposing the delisting. Given the lack of a public hearing to date, we worked with our coalition partners to host successful “people’s hearings” in several major cities, and we will continue to demand at least one public hearing to increase transparency and enable public participation in the process. The goal over the next 60 days will be to collect another 200,000-300,000 comments to turn in a total of 1.5 million comments on July 15.
- **See You Never, Fracked Gas:** Dominion Energy officially filed notice of its intent to walk away from its proposed fracked gas compressor station in Maryland, limiting capacity at the Cove Point LNG export facility, and casting extreme doubt on the viability of a proposed 990 MW Mattawoman fracked gas power plant in southern Maryland that was one of two named customers for the compressor’s capacity. There was significant local opposition to the Mattawoman because African-American residents in Southern Prince George’s County didn’t want yet another dirty fuel operation in their backyard, which is already home to many dirty fuel facilities. We worked with our allies and partners to defeat this fracked gas proposal, and the Sierra Club drove online actions and sent in technical comments naming the problems endemic to the project.

Thank you for being instrumental in making what we’ve accomplished possible.

Sincerely,

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