

What's Next: Nation in Transition & The Other Side of the Hill

To learn more about Nation in Transition, visit <https://www.amresproject.org/nation-in-transition>

To learn more about The Other Side of the Hill, visit <https://www.othersideofthehillmovie.com/take-action>

The idea of energy transition and utilizing renewable and clean energy is not a new one in the United States. These two films showcased what energy transition can look like in rural communities and how partnerships are vital in that transition. In Nation in Transition, we explore the consequences of operating the Navajo Generating Station - the largest coal-firing plant in the West - while providing an inclusive energy transition plan. The Other Side of the Hill presents a roadmap for transitioning from an extractive economy to a stewardship economy. We have seen a similar transition here in Eagle County - mining has subsided and tourism with an emphasis on environmental stewardship has grown.

Energy Transition refers to the process of moving away from fossil fuels in our energy grid and towards clean or renewable energy. This transition is vital in cutting emissions that cause climate change.

Renewable Energy includes wind, solar, and hydro power - energy sources that cannot be depleted when it's used.

Climate Justice: while climate change affects all people, some are more susceptible to the effects of climate change than others. This includes people of color, those in poverty or experiencing homelessness, folks with disabilities, the young and the old, and women.

Climate Change is a broad range of global phenomena created predominantly by burning fossil fuels, which add heat-trapping gases to Earth's atmosphere. These phenomena include the increased temperature trends described by global warming, but also encompass changes such as sea level rise; ice mass loss in Greenland, Antarctica, the Arctic and mountain glaciers worldwide; shifts in flower/plant blooming; and extreme weather events."

From NASA- <https://climate.nasa.gov/resources/global-warming/>

What Can You Do?

- Consider investing in renewable and clean energy. It can be as simple as requesting your utility provider to send you more renewable energy or as involved as having solar installed.
- Energy Efficiency is a great place to start your green energy journey. Contact Walking Mountains Science Center to find out more about our home energy audits: <https://www.walkingmountains.org/sustainability-hub/energy-efficiency-programs/>
- Do you see everyone represented in decision making groups? If not, speak up and keep speaking up until you see all people represented. This will create more equitable solutions in energy transition projects.
- **Project Drawdown:** Interested in learning more about Drawdown Solutions? Check out Project Drawdown's website: drawdown.org