



## Volume 8

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CLIMATE ACTION IN THE BITTERROOT

### Dr. Hillery Daily

Hillery Daily, Naturopathic Doctor and, Licensed Acupuncturist, is a founding member of Bitterroot Climate Action Group (BCAG) centered in Hamilton MT, and inclusive for all of Ravalli County. Besides her passion for protecting and celebrating the natural world, she enjoys her grandchildren, skate and back-country skiing, hiking and backpacking, biking. Please read the rest of her story.

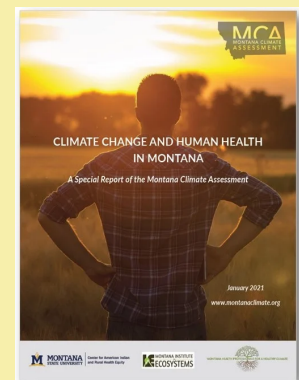
[Read more about Dr. Daily here](#)

[Bitterroot Climate Action Group](#)

A Special Report of the Montana Climate Assessment

## Just Released: 2021 Montana Climate Change and Human Health Report !!

Climate change is already affecting the health of Montanans, a situation that will likely worsen in the coming years, according to a new report published by a group of Montana University System scientists and Montana-based physicians.



The report, "Climate Change and Human Health in Montana: A Special Report of the Montana Climate Assessment," or C2H2, is a special report of the 2017 Montana Climate Assessment. The new report was produced by the Montana University System's [Institute on Ecosystems](#), Montana State University's [Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity](#), or CAIRHE, and [Montana Health Professionals for a Healthy Environment](#), with support from the Montana Healthcare Foundation.

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# Climate Change and Human Health in Montana

Health Equity Webinar Series 2020-21

February 17, 12-1.

Preregistration required

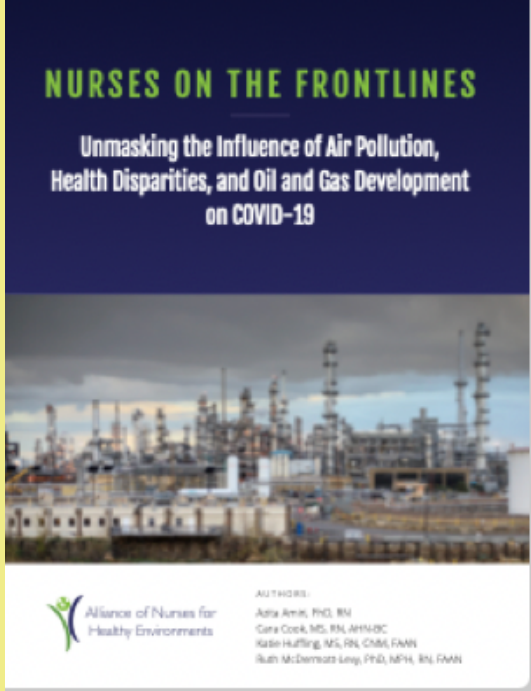
presented by medical and public health members of the author team: **Alexandra Adams, Robert Byron, Lori Byron, Mari Eggers**  
**PHOTO pixels, Dan Cristian Pădureț**

[Preregister here](#)

## NURSES ON THE FRONTLINES:

**Unmasking the Influence of Air Pollution, Health Disparities, and Oil and Gas Development on COVID-19**

A new report featuring Montana, Colorado and New Mexico, looking at the implications of the Oil and Gas



Industry. Teresa Wicks, MSN, of Billings MT is interviewed.

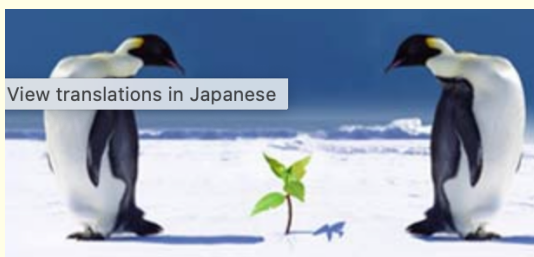
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## Montana Legislative Session 2021

We will testify in support of renewable energy, local and sustainable agriculture, and other issues that quicken the transition to a carbon neutral economy as they come up this session.

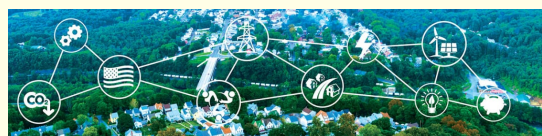


## Free Virtual Events



February 2 11:30 MST

### Considering Attitudinal Uncertainty in



February 2, noon

### Accelerating Decarbonization of the U.S. Energy System

From the National Academy of Sciences. Specific questions that will

# Climate Change Skepticism

Sponsored by the Bozeman Climate Alliance, this presentation asks what climate change skepticism is from the perspective of those who question or remain uncertain of climate change. PHOTO; skeptical science.org

be addressed by the committee include sectoral interactions and systems impacts; technology research, development, and deployment at scale; social, institutional, and behavioral dimensions, particularly equity; and policy coordination and sequencing at local, state, and federal levels.

Register Here

Information for Viewing here

## ***Members in the News***

**2021.01 University of Montana Climate and Health course began:** arranged by Jennifer Robohm, PhD. and Hayley Blackburn, PharmD.

**2021.01 Montana Environmental Health Association Newsletter featured a story on the 2021 Montana Climate Change and Human Health Report**

**2021.01.20 Climate Change, Health Disparities, and Environmental Justice.** Dr. Robin Saha presented to the U. Montana Climate and Health Course.

**2021.01.25 Heat-Related and Respiratory Illness.** Dr. Paul Smith presented to the U. Montana Climate and Health Course.

**2021.01.27 Physical Impacts of Climate Change.** Dr. Rob Byron presented to the U. Montana Climate and Health Course.

**2021.01.26 *The Center for Science, Technology, Ethics & Society Presents:***

**How Will Climate Change Impact Health in Montana?** Tuesday January 26, 7pm with Alex Adams, Bruce Maxwell, and Robert Byron, authors of the Climate Change and Human Health Report. Watch live [here](#)

**2021.01.12 University of Michigan Medical Student Class on Severe Weather Events, Climate Change, and Health.** Presented by Drs. Byron

**2021.01.04 ANHE Podcast by Beth Schenk:** Promoting Health and Justice. Listen [here](#)

**2021.12.31 OpEd** Explore Big Sky. Faith-Based Healing: Past, Present, Future

**2020.12.22 Bozeman approves Climate Action Plan.** Read about it [here](#)

**2020.12.18 Stat News.** [New pediatrician network puts spotlight on climate change's effects on children](#), Lori Byron interviewed

**2020.12.17 Big Horn County News**

**2020.12.16 Daily Interlake:** [Climate-change report details potential health impacts in Montana](#)

**2020.12.15 Clark Fork Weather Forecast Facebook Live Event.** Dr Nick Silverman presented on the long term climate projections.

**2020.12.15 2020 Bitterroot Valley Climate Resilience Primer.** One author was Dr Hillery Daily, Rob and Lori Byron were contributors.

**2020.12.15 Clark Fork Winter Weather Forecast Facebook event** w Nick Silverman and others

**2020.12.14 OpEd Helena Air** Strengthen EPA's pollution standards Beth Schenk, **Lori Byron, Robert Byron, Charles Fitts, Kathleen Masis, Robert Merchant, Tom Roberts, Julia Ryder, Paul Smith, Lora Wier.** Read [here](#)

**2020.12.13 OpEd Billings Gazette** Beth Schenk, **Lori Byron, Robert Byron, Charles Fitts, Kathleen Masis, Robert Merchant, Tom Roberts, Julia Ryder, Paul Smith, Lora Wier** "Strengthen EPA's pollution standards". Read [here](#)

**2020.12.13 OpEd Missoulian** "Strengthen EPA's pollution standards"

**Read [here](#).**

**20.12.11 OpEd Billings Gazette**, Faith-Based Healing: Past, Present, Future . Read [here](#)

**20.12.11 OpEd Missoulian** Faith-Based Healing: Past, Present, Future Read [here](#).

**20.12.10 Sidney Herald OpEd** "America, and Americans need healing, faith communities can help". Read [here](#).

**20.12.10 NPR Radio Story:** Montana Report links CC to mental, physical health impacts. Read [here](#).

**2020.12.09 Press Video at CAIRHE**, Montana Climate Change and Human Health Report. Watch [here](#).

**2020.12.09 Montanans' health interwoven with climate change**, Explore Big Sky. Read [here](#).

**2020.12.09 The Worm**, Montana Climate Change and Human Health Report. Read [here](#).

**2020.12.08 New report highlights health impacts of climate change for Montanans**, Bozeman Chronicle. Read [here](#)

**2020.12.08 VIDEO: New climate change report in Montana**, Station KHQ. Watch [here](#).

**2020.12.08 Montana report examines climate change impacts to public health**, Tom Kuglin. Read [here](#).

**2020.12.08 MSU Press Release**, Montana Climate Change and Human Health Report. Read [here](#).

**2020.12.08 Press Conference, Climate Change and Human Health Report:** Montana Climate Change and Human Health Report. Download [here](#).



## Learning Corner: 2020 Lancet Countdown U.S. Brief

A changing climate has profound implications for human health, with more frequent heatwaves and extreme weather events, changing patterns of infectious disease, and the exacerbation of existing health challenges around the world. Indicators in this section track how these impact on human health. One MthPHC board member was a reviewer. Read more [here](#):

### Personal Action

## Single Use Packaging

The proliferation of single-use plastic around the world is accelerating climate change. It is predicted that 1/3 of oil will be used to produce plastics by 2030. What do we need to do?

- Try to never buy or use single-use, disposable plastic.
- Buy in bulk
- Carry your own carryout container to restaurants and bags to the store
- B.Y.O. drink container and travel mug
- Request to businesses that single-use plastics not be sold



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