



Trump Watch

Trump Authorizes Offshore Oil Drilling...Unless It's Close to Mar-a-Lago!



15 Governors Oppose the Decision...

Guess Trump Doesn't Care Where They Play Golf.

The Trump administration's efforts to [craft a five-year offshore oil and gas leasing plan](#) got off to a head-scratching start when less than a week into the process, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke removed the state of Florida from consideration after meeting with its governor.

The process has not gone any smoother over the past month, with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) attracting criticism for how it organized public meetings to receive feedback on the offshore drilling plan. The bureau is holding one hearing per coastal state from now until March, almost all in inland communities hours from the coast where people would be affected by drilling.

[Learn Where The Grassroots Opposition Is](#)

Local Focus



Oregon Was On a Legislative Roll, Let's Get Back Its Momentum!

In 2016, it was Coal to Clean, in 2017, it was the Clean Fuels Program, they tried for Cap & Trade in 2018, and will try again in 2019.

(Don't tell Zinke at the Interior Department.)

The Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV) is leading on climate change and worked hard to pass the Clean Energy Jobs Bill this year. Unfortunately, it didn't pass in 2018. But if you're an Oregon resident, you can [help make sure it passes first thing in 2019](#).

Clean Energy Jobs legislation will put a price on pollution ("cap & trade"), incentivize more clean energy jobs, and reinvest in our communities.

Making polluters pay means reinvesting in Oregon communities of all kinds – including rural communities, communities of color, and low-income communities. We'll make our air more breathable for everyone – especially in neighborhoods with high rates of people suffering from asthma, heart disease, strokes, and other health conditions exacerbated by climate pollution. And we'll be creating good jobs for Oregonians of all skill levels, including in solar and wind, which are living wage jobs that can't be outsourced.

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Victory Celebration

Hey Big Oil, Don't Mess With Vancouver!

The grassroots opposition wins a battle four years in the making.



Early this year, [Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said no to a massive oil-by-rail terminal](#) proposed in Vancouver, Washington.

The \$210 million Vancouver Energy project, a joint venture from Tesoro and Savage, would have brought up to 360,000 gallons of crude oil a day on trains traveling along the Columbia River. The proposal would have been the largest oil-by-rail terminal in the country.

The companies have spent the last four years working through the state's regulatory process. Along the way, they've encountered a wave of local, grassroots opposition.

Such opposition is common against fossil fuel ventures on the West Coast, but what sets Vancouver apart is the community's ability to keep up the pressure for years.

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Real Science

Why Does the American Natural History Museum Post Outdated Information on Climate Change?

Outdated Board Members? Outdated Donors?

This--unfortunately--is NOT fake news



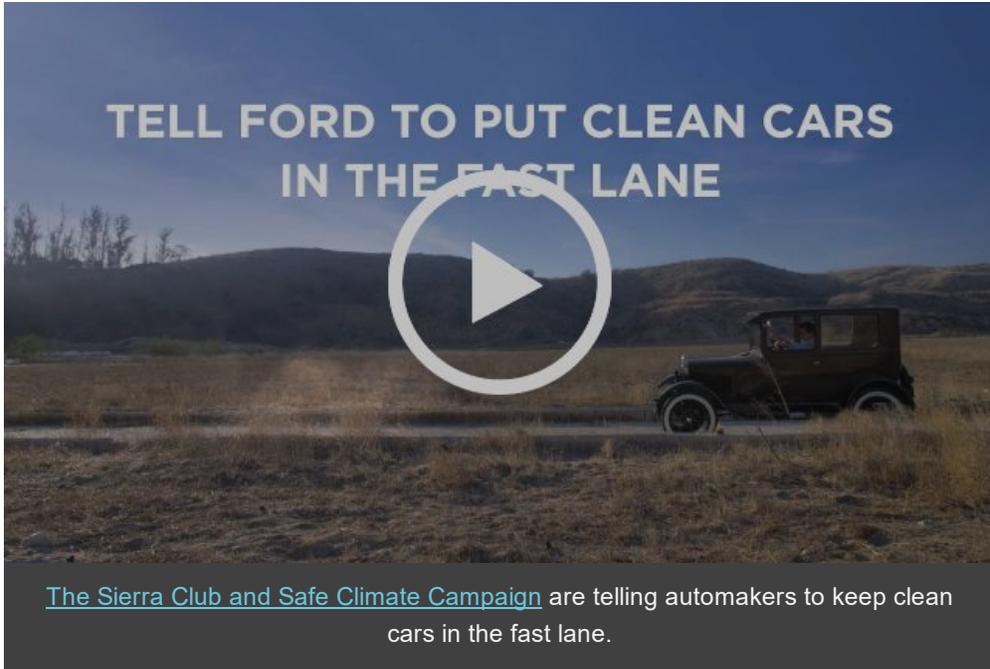
The American Museum of Natural History museum claims its Directors and funders have no influence on its exhibits, one exhibit still displays a plaque featuring wildly misleading claims on climate change. It was installed when Exxon was a funder. And David Koch, one of the leading climate change critics in the country, has been a major funder of the museum as well. And climate skeptic Rebekah Mercer sits on the Board.

Thanks to recent public backlash, the museum has agreed to revise the plaque. But does this incident reveal how easily disinformation can slip in when deep-pocketed donors are paying the bills.

<https://www.theverge.com/2018/1/8/16862674/american-museum-natural-history-climate-change-sing-misinformation-david-koch-dinosaur-wing>

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