

Climate Change Links

As the Environmental Quality Council conducts its interim study of issues related to climate change, the links provided below are intended to give council members and the public more information on various aspects of the issue. The list is not comprehensive. It will be periodically updated throughout the interim. To suggest additional links, email: jkolman@mt.gov

Source	Description	Link	Source note
American Association for the Advancement of Science	Policy statement and background information	www.aaas.org/news/press_room/climate_change/	Non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science around the world. Publishes the journal Science.
American Association of Petroleum Geologists	Policy statement	www.aapg.org/proposed_climate.cfm	Purpose is to foster scientific research, advance the science of geology, promote technology and inspire high professional conduct.
American Meteorological Society	Policy statement	www.ametsoc.org/POLICY/2007climatechange.html	Promotes development and dissemination of information and education on atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences and the advancement of their professional applications.
American Petroleum Institute	General climate change information	www.api.org/ehs/climate/index.cfm	National trade association that represents all aspects of America's oil and natural gas industry.
Cato Institute	General climate change information	www.cato.org/research/nat-studies/global-warming.html	Non-profit, public policy organization. Environment and climate studies program promotes policies that would help protect the environment without sacrificing economic liberty, goals that are mutually supporting, not mutually exclusive.

Center for Climate Change Strategies	Links to state-specific plans	www.climatestrategies.us/	Consultant to Montana. Helps develop statewide climate action plans with comprehensive policy solutions, broad bipartisan stakeholder support, and successful implementation
Center for Sun-Climate Research	Climate change information related to cosmic rays and cloud cover	http://www.dsri.dk/sun-climate/index.html	Examines link between Earth's climate and solar activity through effects of cosmic rays on Earth's cloud cover. Associated with Danish National Space Center.
Department of Energy	General climate change information	http://www.energy.gov/sciencetech/climatechange.htm	
George C. Marshall Institute	General climate change information	www.marshall.org/subcategory.php?id=9	Established in 1984 as a nonprofit corporation to conduct technical assessments of scientific issues with an impact on public policy. Provides a critical examination of the scientific basis for global climate change policy.
Heartland Institute	General climate change information	www.globalwarmingheartland.org	Non-profit, not affiliated with any political party, business, or foundation. Mission to discover and promote free-market solutions to social and economic problems, including. e parental choice in education, market-based approaches to environmental protection, privatization of public services, and deregulation in areas where property rights and markets do a better job than government bureaucracies.
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	Assess scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant to understanding the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts and options for adaptation and mitigation.	www.ipcc.ch/index.html	Established in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Montana Climate Change Advisory Committee	Established to recommend specific actions to reduce or sequester greenhouse gas emissions	www.mtclimatechange.us	Appointed by Gov. Schweitzer in 2006.
Montana Climate Office	Montana climate/weather data	http://climate.ntsug.umt.edu/index.html	Current conditions and historical data.
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (Climate Program Office)	General climate information	http://www.noaa.gov/climate.html	Incorporates the Office of Global Programs, the Arctic Research Office, the Climate Observations and Services Program, and coordinates climate activities across NOAA.
Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group	Studies of forest and natural plant communities	www.ntsug.umt.edu	Based at UM College of Forestry. Director Steve Running. Projects include all scales of ecological study: from a single acre to the entire globe.
Pew Center on Global Climate Change	General climate change information	www.pewclimate.org	The Pew Center on Global Climate Change was established in 1998 as a non-profit, non-partisan and independent organization. Mission to provide credible information, straight answers, and innovative solutions in the effort to address global climate change.
Tropical Meteorology Project	Hurricane information related to climate change	http://typhoon.atmos.colostate.edu/	Headed by Colorado State University's Dr. William Gray whose work focuses on meso-scale tropical weather phenomena.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	General climate change information	www.epa.gov/climatechange/	
U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Center	Climate change information for cities	www.usmayors.org/climateprotection	Formed to provide mayors guidance and assistance to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions.
World Bank	General climate change information	http://go.worldbank.org/W13H8ZXSD1	The World Bank has 185 member countries. Helps developing countries reduce poverty by providing money and technical expertise.

Yale Center for the Study of Globalization	Various presentations from 2005 conference on economics of climate change	http://www.ycsg.yale.edu/climate/index.html	Established to enrich the debate about globalization on campus and to promote the flow of ideas between Yale and the policy world.
Global Climate Change and U.S. Law	Roundup of laws by the American Bar Association	http://www.abanet.org/abapubs/globalclimate/	Provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public.
U.S. Global Change Research Program	General climate change information	http://www.usgcrp.gov/usgcrp/default.php	Supports research on interactions of natural and human-induced changes in the global environment and implications for society. Began as a presidential initiative in 1989 and was codified by Congress in 1990. Mandates development of a coordinated interagency research program.
U.S. Government Accountability Office	Study of federal agency response to climate change and effects on land and water resources	http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07863.pdf	Known as "the investigative arm of Congress" and "the congressional watchdog." Work includes oversight of federal programs; insight into ways to make government more efficient, effective, ethical and equitable; and foresight of long-term trends and challenges.
NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies	General climate change information	http://www.giss.nasa.gov/	Laboratory of the Earth Sciences Division of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and a unit of the Columbia University Earth Institute. Emphasizes a broad study of global climate change.

Science and Public Policy Institute	General climate change information	http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/	Provides information on the climate change policy debate. Provided state reports outlining climate observations, climate mitigation, costs of federal mitigation measures, and lists of state scientists who believe humans are not contributing to climate change.
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