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Hello Idaho Clinicians for Climate and Health!

We're back! After a couple of months behind the scenes, **ICCH has a packed fall with opportunities to learn, take action, and get involved.**

As wildfire smoke continues to become toxic and threaten our health, we need both immediate solutions to protect our communities and long-term action to address the fossil fuel pollution driving a hotter, drier climate. **Take a minute to contact your representatives** using this [great template from Citizens Climate Lobby](#).

Take a look below at our fall lineup, and don't miss our biggest event of the year on September 2nd. This year, the 2nd Annual [Treasure Valley Climate and Health Symposium](#) is **being held in honor of our friend Dr. Terry O'Connor who sadly passed away in an avalanche last year**, and was a real leader in developing the CU-Anschutz Diploma in Climate Medicine.

Lastly, consider becoming a heat ambassador. **Take a few hours and challenge yourself to become an extreme heat ambassador** through the APHA (American Public Health Association) and [EcoAmerica's Extreme Heat & Health: Strategies for Prevention and Action course](#). You can earn 3.5 hours of CE/CME along the way.

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P.S. Share this email and make sure you're following [ICCH on Instagram](#)!

We'll see you at an upcoming event!

Climate and Health Learning Session

August 29th | 12:00-1:00 MT

With Dr. Paul Charlton of Healthy Climate New Mexico, and Daniella Trigg and Kelly Watson from the New Mexico Department of Health. They'll be discussing heat and its impacts on health, and how New Mexico is working collaboratively to keep its citizens safe as temperatures spike to unseen levels. They recently hosted a great two day symposium on heat, and you can see recordings of the sessions on [their YouTube channel](#).

The 2nd Annual Treasure Valley Climate and Health Symposium

September 2nd | 8am to 4:30pm!

Both virtual and in-person attendance options are available. We'll have sessions focusing on heat, smoke, and drought and break them down by the science and state of affairs, the health impacts associated with each climate driven disaster, and look at some community based solutions. Our keynote, Dr. Jeremy Hess, will be giving a riveting recap of his experience working during the heat dome in Seattle in 2021, the busiest day in their ER's history, and how communities can prepare for extreme heat events.

Save the Date! Annual ICCH Members Gathering

October 5th | 6pm to 8pm at Clairvoyant Brewing!

More details to follow and ALL are welcome, so please invite your friends and colleagues for a chance to meet ICCH leadership and learn how you can support our work and become part of the team!

Learning Opportunities

Have a moment? Here are some interesting resources and virtual conferences.

[Data Centers and Health: Understanding the Impacts and Taking Action](#) - Health professionals are increasingly concerned about the potential harms and impacts and want to know how to respond.

[Climate Health Society First Annual Meeting: Virtual conference](#) - A one-day virtual convening scheduled across time zones to reach participants in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, bringing together a broad diversity of voices across all sectors at the intersection of climate and health.

Learn More about H.R. 6213 and Take Action!

Stop H.R. 6213 from Blocking Heat Protections

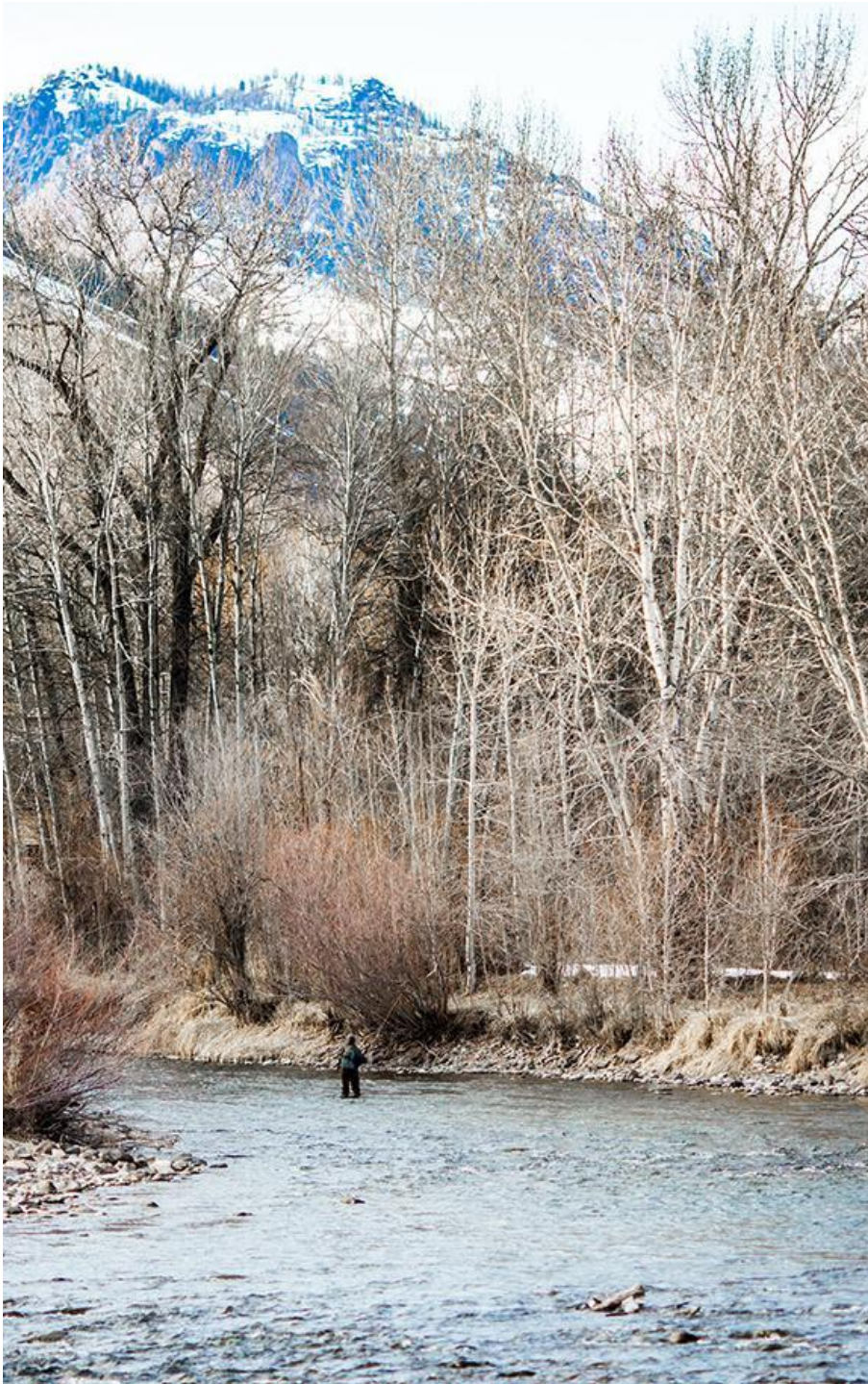
[H.R. 6213](#), misnamed the “Heat Workforce Standards Act” was advanced by the House Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 6213 would prevent OSHA from creating or enforcing a national heat safety standard—including basic protections like water, rest breaks, and cool or shaded areas. As heat waves become more frequent and severe, workers face growing risks. **Heat is already the leading cause of weather-**

related deaths in the U.S., with hundreds of workers dying and thousands suffering serious heat-related illnesses each year.

Take action now: Call your representative and tell them to oppose H.R. 6213

[Call your representative](#)

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