

Hello all.

I am happy to be done lobbying for the season and back to my regular job working on Wyoming solar energy! There are some exciting developments in Wyoming, with the highlight being the vote from Laramie City Council to adopt a carbon neutral resolution.

Featured Video

As I begin to think about spring, the ideal combination of solar with agriculture keeps coming back to mind. [Planet Laramie Farm](#) in Laramie was glad they made the decision to install!



Alliance for Renewable Energy

You may have heard the news: The Laramie group [Alliance for Renewable Energy \(ARE\)](#) achieved success on March 3rd when the Laramie City Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution to go carbon neutral by 2050. This is a huge step for Wyoming! [CLICK HERE](#) to read an article about the decision.

Solar Legislation

During this legislative session, a few solar related bills were floated. The [net metering bill](#) that was proposed early on in the session died quickly (thank you to everyone who wrote your legislators on that one). Two other bills that would have applied only to utility-scale solar energy were also discussed during the session. One that would have placed a [tax on solar electricity generation](#) similar to the tax already placed on wind died midway through the session. A bill that clarified [rules for siting of utility-scale solar](#) passed through the legislative process to become law.

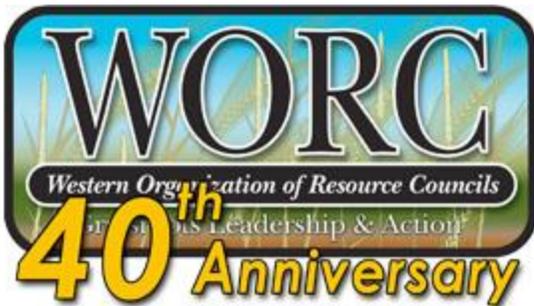
Community Solar

The Sheridan area group working toward community solar continues to gather signatures and business support.

On a related note: Here is a link to a video clip about a program called [Solar Together](#) being rolled out in Florida.



Training Opportunity



If you are interested in learning about how to get your community interested and engaged in solar energy (or any other issue), the Western Organization of Resource Councils will be holding a workshop on how to develop the skills you will need. The [Principles of Community Organizing, or POCO](#) workshop will be held July 22-25 in Billings, Montana.

Solar Financing

[Generations Credit Union](#) is working with Wyoming installers to open up buying options for Wyoming people. If you want to go solar, but you can't put up the money upfront, Generations provides solar specific lending that may help. They will work with any Wyoming installer anywhere in the state.

\$\$\$ For Installing On Your Business



REAP Grants can finance up to 25% of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements for agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Combined grants and loans can finance up to 75%! Funds may be used to purchase, install, and construct:

Renewable energy systems, including: • Wind; • Biomass, including Anaerobic Digesters; • Solar; • Geothermal; and more.

Energy efficiency projects, including: • Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Systems; • Insulation; • Lighting; • Cooling or Refrigeration units; • Controls and Equipment; • Doors, Windows, and other building improvements; and more.

To learn more, contact **Jessica Taylor, Area Specialist; Energy Coordinator**

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Residential Solar Tax Credit

The full Residential Investment Tax Credit (ITC) is still available. As you know, On January 1st of 2020, the credit stepped down from 30% to 26%. In 2021 the credit will step down to 21%. After 2021, the credit will no longer be available. If you are actively thinking about installing, consider doing it now so that you can get the full tax credit!

Solar Power is growing in Wyoming! It is growing because of your interest. If you have ideas or resources (funding, installers we may not know about, programs, etc.) please let us know. Your ideas help to move solar forward, and none of our progress during the past year could have happened without people just like you!

You are receiving this email because you came to one of our solar events and because of your interest in solar energy.

Thank you for making Wyoming solar happen!