

Summer is the Season of Solar, but it is also the season for getting outdoors. I am going to keep this month's newsletter short and encourage you to read it and then get off of the computer and go outside if you can! You will thank yourself when it is -20 this winter and you have beautiful memories of warm days to think about.

Latest Solar Story



I recently shot a solar story with Gillette solar owner Don Adams. Don was able to save money through energy efficiency upgrades and by installing a solar system at his home. If you know someone who has solar on their home or business who wants to share their story, write me or call me and I would be happy to visit with them and get their story out.

See Don's solar story [here](#):

REAP Grant

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) offers grants and loans to agricultural producers and small businesses for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades. Currently, the program has a lot of money left for the year and the deadline to apply for 2019 is the end of October.



The screenshot shows the USDA website's media page. The header includes the USDA logo and 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'. Navigation links for 'HOME', 'TOPICS', 'OUR AGENCY', and 'MEDIA' are visible. A search bar is present on the right. The main content area features a press release titled 'USDA Has More Than \$400 Million Still Available for Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Loan Guarantees'. The release is dated July 18, 2019, and is attributed to Acting Assistant Secretary Joel Baxley. It describes a program providing loan guarantees to help rural small businesses lower their energy costs. Contact information for Weldon Freeman and Jay Fletcher is provided in a sidebar.

Since Wyoming is considered to be rural as a state, most businesses qualify even if they are in the middle of a town or city. Wyoming's facilitator is Debra Anderson. She can be reached at (307) 683-4191 or debra.anderson@wy.usda.gov

Click [here](#) to learn more about the program!

If you know of someone who has been thinking about installing for their business or agricultural operation, please let them know.

Sheridan Community Solar

Efforts are ongoing to show Sheridan's electric utility, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU), that there is strong interest in Community Solar in Sheridan County. A group of us have been out having conversations with people in the community and collecting signatures of interested MDU customers. If you are interested in working with your local utility, let me know and I will help you figure out how to get started.

30% Tax Credit Reminder

Just a reminder that this is the last year to claim the full 30% tax credit for installing solar. Any installs up to December 31st qualify. In 2020, the credit will be 26%, in 2021 it will drop to 21% and then it will go away altogether. Currently, congress is considering an extension of the tax credit. To learn more, click [here](#).

Non-Profit Solar Coalition

I am connecting the dots on solar work in Wyoming. Lots of non-profits are either actively working on solar in one way or another or would like to be. There is a lot of work to do on solar energy in Wyoming, ranging from sharing information and videos to lobbying at the legislature. Any non-profit that wants to be part of the coalition is welcome to join and any amount of work (whether a little or a lot) they can do is helpful!

Companies Are Going Solar



Marriott is one of many companies around the country that has been putting solar panels up at its locations. Featured here is Marriott Suites in Gillette.

Please Share This Newsletter

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!