

Hello all.

Let me know if you like the new PDF format. It does mean clicking to open the newsletter, but I am hoping it will be cleaner and easier to read and use links.

Featured Video(s)

I am currently working on a video about the REAP Grant. I wish I had it ready to share, but alas! Instead, I am sharing a series of very short videos we made recently at Powder River for a pie auction we hold every year.

Since we can't hold the event in person, we are having a virtual auction. We made videos so pie-makers could discuss their pies. Bidding is limited to the area where each pie-maker lives, but the entertainment value is not limited at all.

Click on the following names to watch pie videos by:



[Zorro,](#)



[Kevin,](#)



[DJ,](#)



[Wayne,](#)



[Bob,](#)



[Roger,](#)



and [Sirus.](#)

ARE



Alliance for Renewable Energy

Since Laramie passed their carbon neutral resolution, our Laramie affiliate, ARE, has kept things moving. They are hosting a webinar on **August 25th at 5:30pm** featuring Landyn Medina on *Solar investment savings*. Landyn will compare the return on investment of solar to other various investment mechanisms such as stocks, bonds, and, and mutual funds.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6175770304962570253>.

Webinars

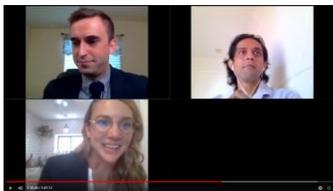
Over the summer, Powder River released a webinar series on economic diversification titled *Reclaiming and Growing Wyoming's Future*.



[Webinar 1- Wyoming's Reality and Future Opportunities](#)



[Webinar 2- Tools to Diversify Wyoming's Economy](#)



[Webinar 3- Securitization: A Finance tool for Energy Transition](#)



[Webinar 4- Funding Wyoming's Economic Transition](#)

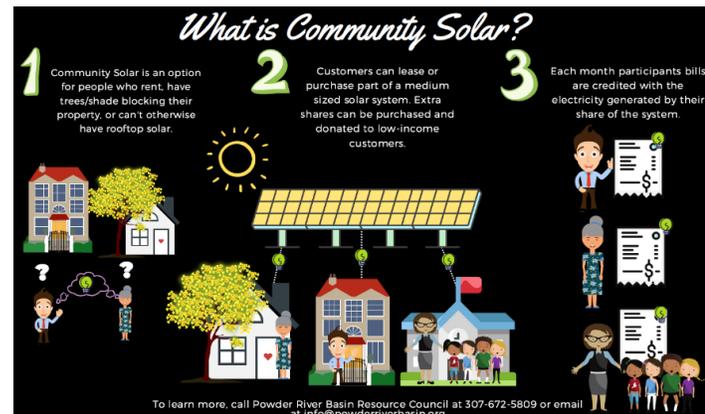
Community Solar

A small number of Sheridan Area Resource Council (SARC) are meeting to re-invigorate our Community Solar efforts.

This effort was largely being conducted in-person and was interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We recognize that our work will look different, so we are spending the month of August deciding on our new direction.

If you are in the Sheridan area, please contact us to get involved!



Wyoming Solar in the News

Consideratinos are underway in Laramie for a [solar energy facility located at city owned Monolith Ranch](#). If built, the facility would be large enough to power the entire city.

[Click Here to read an article in the Laramie Boomerang.](#)

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 **Miles Benzel, USDA Area Specialist**

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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 22%. Once 2022 begins, the credit will no longer be available for residential installations. If you are actively thinking about installing, consider doing it soon while you can still use the 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!