



Governor Steve Bullock
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Dear Governor Bullock,

The Flathead Audubon Society is a local chapter with deep concern for our environment. We understand that you are considering developing an open, transparent process for our state to develop its own, unique Clean Power Plan and we encourage you to keep moving forward on this plan!

Climate change is the most long-term significant threat to our state's wildlife, habitats, and citizens. The EPA is giving our state enormous flexibility to develop a "Made in Montana" Clean Power Plan. A Montana-made plan can use our homegrown wind, solar, and energy efficiency resources to reduce carbon emissions will create good paying jobs, improve Montana's economy, save consumers money on our electric bills, and protect our abundant wildlife and natural resources.

A Made in Montana Clean Power Plan is a great opportunity to address climate change and greenhouse gases. Electricity generation in Montana accounts for about half of Montana's carbon dioxide emissions, approximately 16 million metric tons annually. Montana has many opportunities to adopt emission reduction strategies that will benefit the state and electricity consumers. The Clean Power Plan explicitly and purposefully gives each state enormous flexibility in this regard. A Montana made plan that uses our homegrown wind, solar, and energy efficiency resources to reduce carbon emissions will create good paying jobs, improve Montana's economy, and save consumers money on their electric bills. In Montana, the last decade has proven that developing renewable energy and energy efficiency can effectively reduce carbon pollution while benefitting the economy.

We appreciate your work on this important issue.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Kay Mitchell
President, Flathead Audubon Society