

# Climate & Community Health

-A Story Project-

## Purpose:

The Oregon Climate and Health Program is collecting stories and images to illustrate how climate affects community health in Oregon. We hope to hear from a wide variety of people who can share their unique perspective on both the challenges and opportunities.

A selection of stories will be included in the Climate and Health Profile Report scheduled for release this summer. Additional stories may be featured on our website or in future publications.

## Process:

1. We're identifying a diversity of stakeholders across the state.
2. Will you participate and/or recommend others who might be interested?
3. We have a list of questions (*on reverse side*) and invite you to respond through e-mail, a phone call, or an in-person interview.
4. If we decide to do an in-person interview we may also request to take video or photos.
5. You will have the opportunity to review and approve any quotes or images that are selected for publication.
6. Once completed, we'll be sure to share the final product and let you know how the story project helped to shape our Climate and Health program.

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## **Facts to Consider**

*A summary of findings from the recent NW Regional Climate Assessment*

- We are experiencing an increase in extreme weather events like heat waves, storms and floods.
- Some communities will experience drought and have less water available in the summer months.
- Oregon forests and farms will be more prone to wildfire and pests.
- A warming climate and changing ecosystems will make it more likely for new diseases to emerge in Oregon.
- Climate change is predicted to have a negative impact on Oregon's air quality, increasing asthma, respiratory disease and allergies.
- Certain populations, like low-income families, outdoor workers, children, pregnant women and elderly people are more vulnerable to risks.

## **Questions for You**

*Please give as much detail as possible.*

- What are your main concerns when it comes to climate change?
- What is the general attitude about climate change among your family and friends?
- How do you think climate change might impact your community?
- Do you think your community is changing in response to climate change?
- What are the opportunities that come from climate change?