

Resolution #8
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

URGE ELECTED OFFICE HOLDERS TO PROMOTE GREEN INDUSTRY

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Background: The United States in 2009 is feeling the impact of widespread economic downturn with high unemployment rates. Oregon has the second highest unemployment in the country. The state of California is close to bankrupt. The federal government has moved to provide economic stimulus funds to the states.

During the 2009 session of the Oregon legislature, there was heavy lobbying for jobs at any cost to the environment, public lands, and property rights by the AFL/CIO and energy companies. Some legislative representatives, after endorsement from conservation voter's organizations, accepted large donations from energy and union interests. These representatives worked to pass environmentally unfriendly bills.

Resolution: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs urges those holding elected office not to sacrifice the environment for temporary, short term jobs. The FWOC supports the creation of jobs from green, environmentally friendly industries that move the country towards sustainable energy independence.

The FWOC further urges conservation organizations not to endorse those running for public office who support jobs at any cost to the environment.

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