

# IDAHO



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

### HEAT

- Extreme heat can disproportionately affect populations without access to housing that is well insulated or has air conditioning.
- More than 40,000 people in Idaho are especially vulnerable to extreme heat.
- By 2050, Idaho is projected to face a 110% increase in drought threat.
- 36% of the state's population lives in areas with an elevated risk of wildfire.
- Nearly 1% of the land in Idaho has burned per year since 1984, making it the most heavily burned state.

### AIR POLLUTION

- Idaho Power operates three natural gas power plants in Idaho
- The United Health Foundation ranks Idaho as the second most polluted state in the nation.
- Air pollution is associated with increased risk for asthma and other respiratory issues, which can cause missed school and work days, hospitalization, and chronic disease.



## DOES IDAHO MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?*

TO MEET NAACP *JUST ENERGY STANDARDS*, IDAHO MUST HAVE A:

- ✓ **Mandatory** Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) with a target of 25% clean energy by 2025 with no nuclear, biomass, or natural gas allowed;
- ✓ **Mandatory** Energy Efficiency Resource Standard per NAACP standards, as defined by: at least 2% annual reduction over each previous year's average retail electricity sales;
- ✓ **Mandatory** Local Hire Provisions and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Provisions; and
- ✓ **Mandatory** Community Solar Policy, which is legislation that allows communities to take advantage of solar energy.



## PROPOSED ACTION STEPS

1. Every Branch will **organize** an ECJ Committee and **chair** a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
2. Idaho State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
3. Idaho State Conference will **engage** in a clean energy demonstration project.
4. All Idaho NAACP branch leaders will **organize** Community Solar campaigns.
5. All Idaho NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.