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.