

GLOBAL WARMING & THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

NEW HAMPSHIRE IS PRIMED

The New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution

- Of the 177 towns that put the resolution to a vote in March, 164 passed it – fully two-thirds of the state’s town population.
- Nine New Hampshire newspapers endorsed the New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution
- More than 30 New Hampshire institutions lent their public support for the New Hampshire Climate Change Resolution
<http://www.carboncoalition.org/community/index.php>

New Hampshire’s Tourism and Forest Resource Economies

- More than 300 people packed the “Climate Change and Working Forests” conference in March.
- Researchers released *Winter Recreation and Climate Variability in New Hampshire 1984-2006*, the first report to look at how warmer winters with less snow actually impact New Hampshire’s outdoor recreation economy.
<http://www.carboncoalition.org/education/winter.php>

Public Opinion Research

- In a December poll, 94% of Democratic and 70% of Republican New Hampshire primary voters say they see global warming as a serious threat. Even greater numbers, an overwhelming 96% of Democrats and 82% of Republicans, favor taking action now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
<http://www.cleartheair.org/proactive/newsroom/release.vtml?id=25859>

THE CARBON COALITION’S GOAL:

The next President-elect must use the office to lead the nation and the world in addressing climate change - by making a climate initiative a top priority of his or her administration, and by outlining a comprehensive early action program during the campaign, to be developed and launched within 150 days of the election.

WHAT ARE THE BENCHMARKS OF A COMPREHENSIVE EARLY ACTION PROGRAM?

- 1) Legislation for **economy-wide emissions reductions**
- 2) **Aggressive R&D** for low-carbon energy technology
- 3) Federal **planning for climate change impacts** and response
- 4) **Picking the right team** to carry the initiative
- 5) Cooperation with **international partners**
- 6) Reallocation of **budget priorities**
- 7) **Enable/encourage citizens** to take efficiency and conservation in their own hands.

Stuck on a question? Try one of these three:

Lead-in: "As you may know, 164 towns in NH passed a resolution calling for national leadership on global warming. If you are elected president, how would you?"

Questions:

- Accomplish economy-wide emissions reductions?
- Change budget priorities to support research and development into alternative and renewable energy technologies?
- Encourage citizens to take energy efficiency and conservation into their own hands?

Jot down the candidate's response and send us your reaction to info@carboncoalition.org or mail this sheet back to Carbon Coalition, 100 Market Street, # 204, Portsmouth NH 03801