

Letter: LSJ article emphasizes ill-effects of climate change

Thank you for Louise Knott Ahern's excellent article (LSJ, Oct. 20) on the ways climate change is affecting Mount Rainier and how the National Park Service is dealing with these changes. Her article dealt with devastating floods that destroyed campgrounds and closed parks. Across the country, floods destroy homes and businesses (Iowa, Colorado, North Carolina, New York). Droughts, floods, and heat waves kill crops, hurting farmers, while fishing industries suffer from warming sea waters which chase off fish in search of cooler temperatures.

Climate change is an economic disaster we must address before it becomes a life-threatening situation.

Readers should please contact their senators and congressional representatives asking them to support a revenue neutral carbon tax to lower emissions and to encourage private investment in renewable energy.

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