

Mr Nugent,

Here is my two cents on Idaho energy plan. First Idaho needs a energy trust program like Oregon. I have contacted our states utility commission asking for a utility trust. The commission said they would be in favor but it would have to be approved by the state house. You can see what it has done for the state of Oregon and its people, by typing in Oregon Energy Trust on Google. With all the money and power the utilities have over some of our state reps, a state energy trust will not happen. I have contacted the states AARP people and have told them the same thing.

Idaho had a energy star and a home performance with energy star program that was dissolved by the State because of budget cuts. When Idaho received all the stimulus money from the feds it was given to community action for winterizations programs, (which is good) but..... No one was watching where and how the money was spent. Then a big chunk was given to Micron for LED light production. Where are the lights? Now the money is gone, and community action has a boat load of new rigs and equipment just sitting. (No money) The state of Idaho has failed again. The money could have shored up the already programs we had in place. The reason I can say this is that I am a energy rater. One of many who has put our input in for years only to be thrown to the way side. We know what works and doesn't work. We also know that the utilities company's are not your friends. They have stock holders and as long as they have stock holders a profit needs to happen.( good for mankind...Right.....) When the state dissolved the energy division, that told me the state doesn't care, and big money and business does! The articles that have been written in news papers all over has said to contact you, But I have a problem with that. Its like the fox guarding their own Hen house. The state hasn't listen to anyone who knows what to do. The state follows the money trail. Its time the state of Idaho puts mankind first. And bring Idaho up to speed with Oregon. Its a win,win both for the state and the people. Thank you for your time.

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