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One more...

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I was somewhat shocked at Sunday's Statesman article on the proposed climate action plan. Do away with natural gas hookups? It is one of the cleanest forms of heating and cooking options available. We don't have enough electricity in the country to solve our energy needs, especially with the proposal to shut down the generators in three of our dams in the local area. There are also those who want to remove dams. What is wrong with a balance of energy? I don't have a problem with electrical energy, but it is not the end all to our energy needs. The vehicles of today run cleaner than anytime in the past. Heating systems burn cleaner than in the past.

What would you do with our bus system running on natural gas? What would you do about rolling brown outs and blackouts? If we are under the assumption that electric heat and cars are your future, there are some serious problems. This idea you are considering is absurd! This last winter when the ice storm hit, we used our gas fire place for heating. Without natural gas, a lot of people would have been in trouble.

As far as pollution goes, there was an article by Matthew Brown in the Statesman that stated that up to half of the pollution in the West is from wild fires. This is called mismanagement of our forests by our government. This has gone on too long, but is just now being addressed. Too little too late!

Also, about all of this accommodating the vicinity by adding who knows how many multi family structures to this area. Be careful what you wish for. The larger the population densities, the more schools will need to be built, and other infrastructures. Do we want another Portland? I think not. This idea needs significant study and hearings to allow the local populations input, not just a city staff task force. Please use common sense in your decisions, not environmental emotions.