Washington’s communities are confronting climate change right now: Massive wildfires, severe floods and droughts are damaging communities and local economies. The health of our communities is at risk, as families confront asthma, food and water insecurity, and heat-related illness. Without bold action to curb climate pollution, these dangers will only increase—disproportionately impacting rural and low-income residents, as well as communities of color across the state.

We must reduce greenhouse gases across all sectors, while investing in healthier landscapes that capture carbon and buffer against climate consequences like catastrophic flooding and wildfire. Washington state’s current emissions reduction targets were set more than a decade ago and simply do not reflect current science or the urgency of the climate crisis. Our communities, economies, and natural resources deserve immediate action. Now is the time to adopt new emissions reduction targets that set a foundation for bold action.

**Prevent, Reduce, Remove:**

*Science solutions for climate pollution*

**KEY ELEMENTS FOR THIS EFFORT**

- New targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are based on current science;
- Thorough and active inventory of Washington’s climate pollution, including the amount of emissions generated from consumption; and
- Recognition of our state’s natural and working landscapes to draw down existing carbon pollution

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WHAT DOES BOLD CLIMATE ACTION LOOK LIKE?

To tackle emissions in Washington, we must adopt a strategy that aims to **prevent, reduce, and remove** greenhouse gases from our atmosphere.

**Prevent**
Set climate goals based on science and update our state’s limits for greenhouse gas emissions. Accelerate a transition to renewable energy, greener industry practices and clean transportation.

**Reduce**
Update emissions inventory process and timeline; include emissions produced from production and transport of everyday products Washingtonians consume. Create a cohesive system to ensure that the largest contributors of greenhouse gas emissions work to actively reduce pollution. This includes industry, transportation, and our built environment.

**Remove**
Harness the power of natural and working landscapes to absorb and capture the carbon that pollutes our atmosphere and destabilizes the climate. Invest in nature through improving the health of forests, farms, and aquatic lands.

Washingtonians can set an ambitious and achievable precedent for the rest of the nation, through forward-thinking policies and investments that dramatically reduce pollution in the context of the urgency posed by the climate crisis. These policies and investments must be grounded in the latest science, reflect community experiences, ensure equity, and honor indigenous knowledge.

Join us to support legislation that aligns our state’s emissions reduction targets with the best available science and sets specific targets for carbon sequestration in our natural and working lands.