

Green LEEDers Present a Special Event:

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Abstract:

Do you know how to live on a "different planet?" That is how scientists describe Earth in the future if we don't begin slashing carbon emissions very soon, before dangerous climate thresholds are passed. One of the most menacing threats we face is the lack of any sense of governmental responsibility for tackling this problem. In this address, Professor Wood presents a framework that citizens can use for holding government at all levels responsible for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. She draws upon the Target for U.S. Emissions Reductions released by scientists to quantify government's obligation to reduce emissions. As she explains, there can be no "orphan shares" in meeting this planetary carbon liability. She points out that government has the tools to accomplish this, and as a sovereign trustee of our atmosphere, has the obligation to do so. Yet, Idaho is far behind many other states in carrying out its responsibility to reduce its share of the atmospheric carbon load. Professor Wood draws upon the World War II model of "victory speakers" to encourage citizens and community leaders to take a stand, before it is too late.

Professor Wood's lecture will be followed by an hour of group discussion and brainstorming.

Thursday, August 21, 2008
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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Please RSVP to greenleeders@gmail.com

Location: Doubletree Riverside, Emerald Room
2900 Chinden Blvd., Boise, ID

Agenda: 1:00 pm – Prof. Mary Wood
2:00 pm – Discussion

This event is free and open to the public.
This event is sponsored by the Green LEEDers.
Please forward this invite to all interested parties

Mary Christina Wood, Philip H. Knight Professor of Law Biography

Mary Christina Wood is Philip H. Knight Professor of Law and Luvaas Faculty Fellow (2007-08) at the University of Oregon School of Law. She teaches property law, natural resources law, public trust law, federal Indian law, public lands law, wildlife law, and hazardous waste law. She is the Founding Director of the school's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program and is Faculty Leader of the Program's Conservation Trust Project, Sustainable Land Use Project and Native Environmental Sovereignty Project. After graduating from Stanford Law School in 1987, she served as a judicial clerk on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She then practiced in the environmental/natural resources department of Perkins Coie, a Pacific Northwest law firm. In 1994 she received the University's Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching and in 2002 she received the Orlando Hollis Faculty Teaching Award. Professor Wood is a co-author of a leading textbook on natural resources law (West, 2006) and has published extensively on climate crisis, natural resources, and native law issues. She is a frequent speaker on global warming issues and has received national and international attention for her sovereign trust approach to global climate policy. Professor Wood is currently working on a book entitled, *Nature's Trust: A Legal Paradigm for Protecting Land and Natural Resources for Future Generations*.