

Keynote Address #2

The Energy Transition

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Across the globe, the transition to clean energy and electrification is growing exponentially. Unfortunately, the quick emergence of these technologies has created conditions for myths and half truths about vehicles, the grid, renewables and waste, effects on wildlife, carbon capture, and a variety of implications to human health. This talk, based on peer reviewed sources, addresses many of the myths surrounding the clean energy transition.



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Linda Engle earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Mathematics Education from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She was on the faculty of Idaho State University's Mathematics Department for 17 years and recently completed Portland State University's Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy and Management. Along with other faculty members, she founded the Idaho State University Sustainability Club, now in its fifth year. And, as a climate lobbyist for five years with Citizens' Climate Lobby, she discussed climate solutions with Idaho congressmen in Idaho and Washington, DC.

Linda has been Secretary of the Portneuf Resource Council Board of Directors since 2017. In 2019, she was the Marketing Coordinator for Solarize Pocatello, a successful program which helped install more than 80 residential solar systems across Idaho and beyond. In 2020, she founded, and now manages, Sustainable Idaho – an award-winning student-run weekly radio program which is funded by several grants. As a member of Centennial Rotary, she initiated and facilitated the installation of solar-powered crosswalk beacons near Idaho State University in Pocatello. She was also instrumental in the installation of ISU's first electric charging station through grants from Idaho Power and a number of other organizations.