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Climate Smart Missoula

Climate Solutions Week Launches Saturday, Sept. 26

Climate Smart Missoula to kickoff week with ClimateFEST in Caras Park

MISSOULA – Climate Smart Missoula and partners are proud to present Missoula's fourth-annual **Climate Solutions Week, September 26 through October 4**. With more than 20 events lined up, the week invites Missoulians to "Hum along" with the growing chorus of local climate solutions.

The week kicks off with the 8th annual **ClimateFEST in Caras Park on Saturday, September 26, from 10 AM - 2 PM**. This free, family-friendly celebration brings together over 30 local organizations, businesses and climate champions. Visitors can explore solar energy and electrification, sustainable transportation, conservation, advocacy and more, while checking out the electric car and bike show and connecting with local experts and resources.

"ClimateFEST is like a tasting menu of all the amazing efforts happening in our community around climate and sustainability. No matter whether you're new to climate action or already engaged, you'll leave ClimateFEST feeling connected and inspired to dive in deeper," said Abby Huseth, deputy director at Climate Smart Missoula.

The celebratory spirit of ClimateFEST continues throughout the week with a wide-ranging lineup of events during Climate Solutions Week. Missoulians can learn about **green infrastructure, nature-based solutions, electric vehicles, climate-smart home improvements, sustainable investing and policy initiatives.** There will also be opportunities to explore the intersection of **climate and art, fashion, mental health, and community resilience.**

"We are fortunate to have an amazing breadth of climate solutions happening right here in Missoula, solutions we urgently need to accelerate, together," said Amy Cilimburg, executive director of Climate Smart Missoula. "Climate Solutions Week is a chance to shine a light on all we can lean into - and to invite more people to get involved."

Event highlights include resilience and DIY workshops, site tours, tree plantings, film screenings, a sustainable fashion show, a First Friday art show, a guided hike and write, and a Climate Cabaret.

"Climate solutions aren't just about technology or policy, they're about people," said Shanti Devins, senior program director at Climate Smart Missoula. "This week shows just how many ways there are to be part of the movement to create a better, healthier future - and to find fulfillment and joy in doing so. No matter what you're interested in, there's a place for you."

The week concludes with the annual Climate Ride on Sunday, October 4. With route options for riders of different ages and abilities, including a kid-friendly Climate Protector Ride, this free community bike ride offers one more joyous way to celebrate and support local climate action.

Hum along and help shine a light on local climate solutions! Details and the full schedule of events at MissoulaClimate.org/Solutions.

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Climate Smart Missoula *builds and accelerates climate solutions for Missoula and beyond, through collaborative programs, advocacy and catalyzing diverse climate leadership.*

Image caption: Members of the community attend a live podcast recording of A New Angle during last year's Climate Solutions Week, exploring how scientists are creatively responding to climate change. Image courtesy of Climate Smart Missoula.