**CASE STATEMENT** 

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# Meet the Moment

# Reducing emissions to avoid the worst of climate change

Idaho's climate is changing because of human-caused greenhouse gas emissions, and the changes are already being felt in our communities and the health of our lands and waters. As temperatures increase, we're witnessing an increase in the frequency and severity of wildfires, along with changes in snowpack and the timing of the seasons—all of which have serious consequences for human and natural communities. We're implementing natural climate solutions, which reduce and sequester greenhouse gasses, in our conservation programs. But reducing humancaused emissions is also critical. By mobilizing Idahoans to do so, we have an opportunity to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

#### How We're Making a Difference

The greatest barrier to emissions reduction in Idaho is the lack of broad political support for ambitious climate-change policies at both the state and federal level. We're working to help Idahoans embrace climate solutions, motivate business and political leaders to act now, and create political conditions conducive to enacting a national price on carbon and policies promoting renewable energy.

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### Our Goals

By 2025, we'll elevate and amplify a solutions-based conversation about climate change and a clean energy future, with the longer-term aim of Idaho (or specific sectors in our state) achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. We envision a near future in which Idahoans stabilize or reduce the effects of climate change by advocating for smart climate policies—including a price on carbon—and support actions that help limit global warming to 2°C above preindustrial levels by 2050, as scientists recommend.

## How We'll Get There

- Catalyze Idaho constituencies that influence policymakers.
- Identify and advance policies in Idaho for climate mitigation and clean energy.
- Foster bipartisan support for climate action among Idaho's Congressional delegation.
- Strengthen and expand a nonpartisan climate narrative that all Idahoans can get behind.

#### Why focus on climate change?

It's simple: The effects of climate change are increasingly visible. Projections for the future are dire. And the current political climate is highly divided. There is an urgent need for a solutions-based discussion among diverse Idaho stakeholders that leads to private sector action in the near term and state or federal policy action not long after.

#### Why this moment?

According to a recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report, limiting global warming to less than 2°C by 2050 will require "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society." There's still time for action, but our window for making a difference is closing.

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