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Climate Solutions Partnership Launched in North Dakota

JAMESTOWN – Seven North Dakota conservation, faith-based, environmental and agricultural groups have formed the North Dakota Climate Solutions Partnership to build state and federal support for solutions to global climate change.

The groups held an inaugural meeting in Jamestown, Wednesday.

“The North Dakota Climate Solutions Partnership will be working to help North Dakota transition to a new, clean energy economy,” says Mindi Grieve, Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) Government Relations Specialist. “ELPC is glad to be a part of this alliance to help lead efforts in North Dakota to find solutions to combat global climate change.”

Members of the North Dakota Climate Solutions Partnership include the Environmental Law & Policy Center, Ducks Unlimited, Prairie Climate Stewardship Network, North Dakota Farmers Union, National Wildlife Federation, Pew Environment Group and the Foundation for Agricultural and Rural Resources Management and Sustainability (FAR^{MS}).

“Our commitment to stewardship of the climate and a clean energy future is important for so many reasons,” Grieve said. “We need to diversify our energy resources and provide clean, safe, dependable and affordable energy for today and for future generations.”

North Dakota Climate Solutions Partnership members will be working to build public understanding and support for clean energy legislation currently being developed by Congress.

“The US House of Representatives is currently debating the American Clean Energy & Security Act of 2009 – the Waxman-Markey Bill,” Grieve said. “While the debate on this legislation is far from over, we need to make sure that our diverse interests have a voice at the table to ensure that the legislation includes the tools we need to successfully transition to a new, clean energy economy.”

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