

Concerned Scientists' Weekly News Bulletin

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Our weekly bulletin collects and digests news of the past week.

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NEWS ITEMS AND ARTICLES

The White House: [President Biden signs executive order to strengthen America's forests, boost wildfire resilience, and combat global deforestation](#)

On Earth Day, President Biden signed an Executive Order that will protect against wildfire threats, support local economies, and reduce climate pollution.

UN News: [Biodiversity and ecosystem protection highlighted on Mother Earth Day](#)

Marking International Mother Earth Day, UN General Assembly President Abdulla Shahid urged on Friday, for collective action to safeguard biodiversity and protect ecosystems.

Natural Resources Defense Council: [Report: regenerative agriculture makes farmers and ranchers more resilient to climate change](#)

Regenerative agriculture helps farmers and ranchers withstand the effects of climate change, according to [a new report released](#). It comes at the heels of a United Nations report that paints the grim effects of global warming, and highlights how regenerative agriculture provides multiple environmental co-benefits while making land more resilient to climate change.

The Washington Post: [Tracking Biden's environmental actions](#)

As Biden unwinds dozens of Trump's energy and environmental policies, he's forging his own.

REGIONAL NEWS

Indiana Environmental Reporter: [Gov. Holcomb announces \\$65 million in trails grants for communities across Indiana](#)

More than three dozen Indiana communities and non-profit organizations have recently been awarded a combined \$65 million for 77 miles of new trail expansion as a part of the state's third round of the Next Level Trails program.

Indiana Environmental Reporter: [Nine Hoosiers recognized as 2022 Hoosier Resilience Heroes](#)

Professionals, students, and volunteers were recognized for their contributions to the environment by Indiana University's Environmental Resilience Institute.

Indiana Public Radio: [With so much support, who wants to phase out rooftop solar incentives? Answer: Indiana utilities](#)


The law to phase out higher net metering rates passed in 2017. Since then, lawmakers have proposed at least seven bills to overturn or change it. Half of them got bipartisan support. But none of them even got a hearing.

WishTV: [Indiana Minority Health Coalition striving to eliminate health disparities](#)

April is Minority Health Month, and the Indiana Minority Health Coalition is striving to eliminate health disparities through research, education, advocacy, and access to health care services for minority populations.

OPINION AND ANALYSIS

The New York Times: [Trash or Recycling? Why Plastic Keeps Us Guessing.](#)

Did you know the  symbol doesn't mean something is actually recyclable? Play the interactive trashy garbage-sorting game. Then, read on about how we got here, and what can be done.

Pew Research Center: [For Earth Day, key facts about Americans' views of climate change and renewable energy](#)

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USA Today: [US air quality remains 'very unhealthy' and 'hazardous' for millions of Americans, new report says](#)

The nation's air remains at unhealthy levels for millions of Americans, in part because of climate-change-driven wildfires, according to a report released Thursday by the [American Lung Association](#).

Data for Progress: [This earth day, Biden must center Indigenous voices to live up to climate promises](#)

In order to heal and protect the land and our interdependent relationship with it, old paradigms of violence and colonization must be dismantled and rebuilt by the voices who should have been included from the very start.

Energy Monitor: [Dressing up for Earth Day: Fast fashion's greenwashed guise](#)

As policymakers train their eyes on textiles, fast fashion sticks out like a needle-pricked thumb. Can an industry running on fossil fuels and slave labour exist in a sustainable world?

Deseret News: [New study: Big agriculture and climate change are a threat to insects](#)

The threats of climate change and the lack of biodiversity that comes with big agriculture could be a threat to insects and our food supply

Washington post: [Greenwashing 101: How to decipher corporate claims about climate](#)

How can you tell if companies or organizations are “greenwashing” — using environmental marketing with little or no substance behind it – or actually committing to sustainable goals?

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