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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2008 - 167

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Dr. Jim McBride

**DATE:** October 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Wyoming Heritage Foundation annual forum

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#### **Important – Please Share**

Attached is information on the upcoming Wyoming Heritage Foundation's annual forum. The forum this year has the theme "Climate Change: Politics and Economic Realities."

The program will begin at 11:30 AM on Thursday, November 20 and end at 3:30 PM on Friday, November 21. Registration begins at 10:30 AM on the 20th. All events will take place at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.

There are programs that will be of interest to teachers and students at the annual forum. Please take the opportunity to review this.

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Attachment

**Climate Change: Politics and Economic Realities**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyoming Forum**  
**A Wyoming Heritage Foundation Event**

**November 20-21, 2008**  
**Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Centre**  
**Casper, WY 82601**

**Thursday, November 20**

10:00 A.M.

**Registration**

***Lunch Program***

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

**Keynote Address**

**Eileen Claussen**

President, PEW Charitable  
Trust Center on Climate Change. Former  
Assistant to the President, Assistant  
Secretary of State and Director of Global  
Affairs at the National Security Council.  
Arlington, VA

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1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**Environmental Perspectives and Forecasts**

Is Wyoming's and the nation's environment  
being impacted by climate change —  
snow packs, forests, wildlife, tourism? How  
do science and reality intersect?

**Moderator**

Debbie Hammons, State Representative  
Minority Whip, Minerals Committee  
Worland, WY

**Panelists**

John Corra  
Director  
Department of Environmental Quality,  
Cheyenne, WY

Jay Shogren, Ph.D.  
Thomas Stroock, Distinguished Professor  
of Natural Resource Conservation. Appointment to  
Swedish Academy of Sciences (which selects  
Nobel Prize winners); Kyoto Protocol advisor for  
the President's Council of Economic Advisors  
Laramie, WY

Leighton Steward  
Author of just published Fire, Ice and Paradise.  
Author of Sugar Busters; former President and  
CEO Louisiana, Land & Exploration; former Chairman  
of U.S. Oil and Gas Association and Tulane University's  
Institute for the Study of Earth and Man  
Boerne, TX

Brady West  
Mine Manager  
Buckskin Mine, Kiewit Mining Group; Wyoming Mining  
Association Board of Directors  
Gillette, WY

3:00 P.M.

**BREAK**

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3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Consumer Realities: The Economic and Social Challenges**

Anxiety over historic high gasoline prices, a stagnant economy, looming brownouts with the electricity grid stretched . . . will carbon initiatives be the biggest crush of all?

**Moderator**

Mike Madden, State Representative  
Revenue Committee, Buffalo, WY

**Panelists**

Stacy Baker, Ph.D. Associate Professor  
Consumer Vulnerability, Welfare, and  
Protection  
Laramie, WY

Neil Harrison, Ph.D.  
Founder and Director of the Sustainable  
Development Institute. Editor of Science  
and Politics in the International World.  
Laramie, WY

Matt Keating  
Natrona County Commissioner  
Casper, WY

Ben Yamagata  
Member  
VanNess Feldman Law Firm  
Washington, D.C.

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**Friday, November 21**

***Breakfast Program***

7:00 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.

**The Energy Equation**

By 2030 — a scant 22 years from today — worldwide energy consumption is expected to grow by 55%. Will fossil fuels be the major supplier or will other energy sources take center stage? What is Wyoming's stake in the new equations?

**Moderators**

Lorraine Quarberg, State Representative  
Minerals Committee, Thermopolis, WY

## Panelists

Mark Doelger  
Chairman, Wyoming Pipeline Authority  
President, Barlow and Haun  
Casper, WY

Mike Easley  
President, Powder River Energy  
Chairman, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority  
Sundance, WY

Rob Hurless  
Energy and Telecommunication Policy Advisor  
Governor Dave Freudenthal's office  
Cheyenne, WY

Donna Wichers  
Senior Vice President  
ISR Operations, Uranium One  
Casper, WY

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8:45 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

## Conference Address

### Dennis Avery

Hudson Institute Scholar and Center for Global Food Issues Director. Author of the New York Times best seller “*Global Warming: Unstoppable Every 1500 Years*”, “*Save the Planet*” and 354 other articles and publications, Churchville, VA

### Introduced by

Allan Tessler, Chairman  
Hudson Institute  
Jackson, WY

9:30 A.M.

## BREAK

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10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

## Revenue Impacts and Investment Decisions

State and private sector strategies and finances in a carbon constrained environment . . . what is affordable? Practicable? What are the risks?

### Moderator

Jim Anderson, State Senator  
Senate Vice President  
Douglas, WY

### Panelists

Tim Considine, Ph.D.  
School of Energy, Professor of Energy Economics; Former Bank of America Economist  
Laramie, WY

Buzz Hudgins

Chief Financial Officer  
Basin Electric  
Bismarck, ND

Tom Lubnau, State Representative,  
Speaker Pro Tempore and member  
of the Revenue; Rules and Procedures;  
and Labor, Health and Social Services  
Committees  
Gillette, WY

Mary Throne, State Representative  
and Member of the Judiciary Committee  
Cheyenne, WY

11:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon **CRITICAL CHOICES**

What are Wyoming's options . . . is  
Wyoming at a critical actual crossroads regarding  
the environment and energy development?

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### ***Lunch Program***

#### **Forum Address**

12:00 Noon. – 1:30 P.M.

#### **Bjorn Lomborg**

Author of International best selling book  
“***Cool It***”, “***Solutions for the World's Biggest  
Problems***” and the “***Skeptical Environmentalist***”.  
Director, Copenhagen Consensus Center. One of  
the World's Most 100 Influential People, according  
to *Time Magazine*. Similar honors from the United  
Kingdom **Guardian, Esquire, Foreign Policy  
and Perspective** magazine, and the **World  
Economic Forum**, Copenhagen, Denmark

#### **Introduced by**

Paula Barnett, BP, Denver, CO

1:30 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.

#### **Wyoming Congressional Delegation**

Senator John Barrasso  
Senator Mike Enzi

2:15 P.M.

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2:30 P.M.

#### **The Generation Connection**

Dialogue for and with 100 High School Juniors and Seniors and  
University of Wyoming and Community College students.

- 100 High School and Higher Education Students
- Dennis Avery, Bjorn Lomborg and other speakers  
in interactive question and answer session.

#### **Moderators**

Roy Cohee, Speaker of the House Casper, WY and  
Colin Simpson, Majority Floor Leader, Cody, WY

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# Climate Change: *Politics and Economic Realities*

## The Wyoming Forum

*A Wyoming Heritage Foundation Event*

November 20-21, 2008 • Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Centre • Casper, WY 82601

*Please Print*

Name (As you would like it to appear on nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Forum Registration Fee

(Please check mark appropriate area for your registration)

\_\_\_\_\_ Early Bird Registration (by 11/10) ..... \$125

\_\_\_\_\_ Late Registration/At the Door (After 11/10) ..... \$140

(Please check if you plan to attend Friday Breakfast, for appropriate counts)

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Breakfast (Additional to Registration Fee) ..... \$15

**Total**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Refunds** are granted on or before November 19<sup>th</sup> only.  
**Registration confirmation** will be e-mailed.  
**Program materials** will be distributed at the event.  
**For directions visit** [www.wyomingbusinessalliance.com/calendar.html](http://www.wyomingbusinessalliance.com/calendar.html)

### REGISTRATION DESK OPENS AT 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY

If interested in obtaining a **booth** at the forum, please contact WBA/WHF office at (307) 577-8000 or [wyba@qwest.net](mailto:wyba@qwest.net)

CEU Credits Available

### **THURSDAY**

Program ..... 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

No-Host Reception ..... 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **FRIDAY**

Program ..... 7:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Please make checks payable to:  
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