

EVENTS CALENDAR, CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

WED SEP 4

HIKIN’ BUDDIES

9:30AM-1PM / Adams Gulch / Ketchum

Sponsored by Mountain Humane, Hikin’ Buddies gives hikers an opportunity to take a shelter dog for a hike, or hang out and socialize with the smaller dogs. Just north of Ketchum, turn left at Adams Gulch and follow to trailhead to pick out a buddy. Adoptions are available onsite, as well.



WED SEP 4

TRIVIA NIGHT

7:30PM / Sawtooth Brewery & Tap Room / Hailey

Hailey’s best free trivia returns. Join the weekly Team Trivia with Game Night Live. All ages are welcome. FREE to play, with bar tabs to the winners.

THU SEP 5

HAILEY FARMERS’ MARKET

2-6PM / Main St. / Hailey

Folks can shop with regional farmers who offer organic and locally grown foods, from pies and produce to flowers and crafts. The Hailey Farmers’ Market takes place on Main Street between Carbonate and Galena streets and offers comradery, fresh produce, crafts, and other items.



FRI SEP 6

LIVE: SILVER DOLLAR

7 & 3 PM / Silver Dollar Saloon / Bellevue

Live music at Bellevue’s iconic saloon will include the Hurdy Gurdy Happy Hour from 7-9 p.m. with the Hurdy Gurdy Girls, followed at 9:30 p.m. by The Earaches. On Saturday, the annual Toy Run will be held at 3 p.m. with a barbecue. There is never a cover, and a free ride home is available should you need it.

SAT SEP 7

ICL HIKE

9AM-3PM / ICL / Ketchum

The Idaho Conservation League will host Geology of the Pioneer Mountains. Rock lovers and nature nerds may join ICL for a beautiful day hike up the North Fork of Hyndman Creek in the Pioneer Mountains. Meet at the ICL’s Ketchum office at 9 a.m. to carpool to the trailhead. If you plan to attend this hike, be sure to bring the following: plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, layers, rain jacket, hiking boots and poles. This hike is limited to 15 participants. Contact Josh at jjohnson@idahoc-conservation.org or (208) 726-7485 to reserve a spot.

SAT SEP 7

STANLEY: LIVE MUSIC

6PM / Velvet Falls Dance Hall / Stanley

Stoney LaRue will play at Velvet Falls at Mountain Village. This is the last show of the season. This is a special outdoor event.



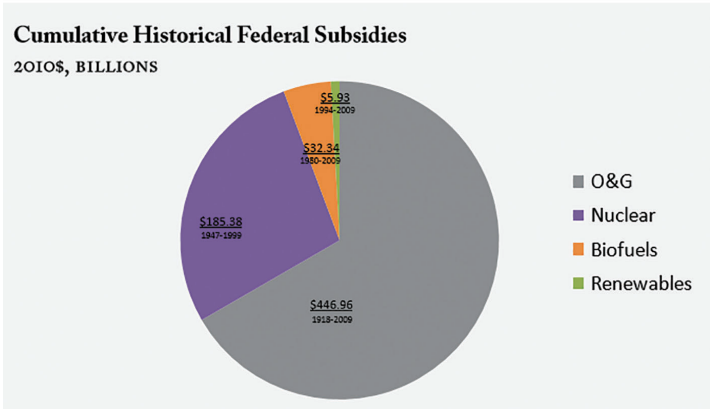


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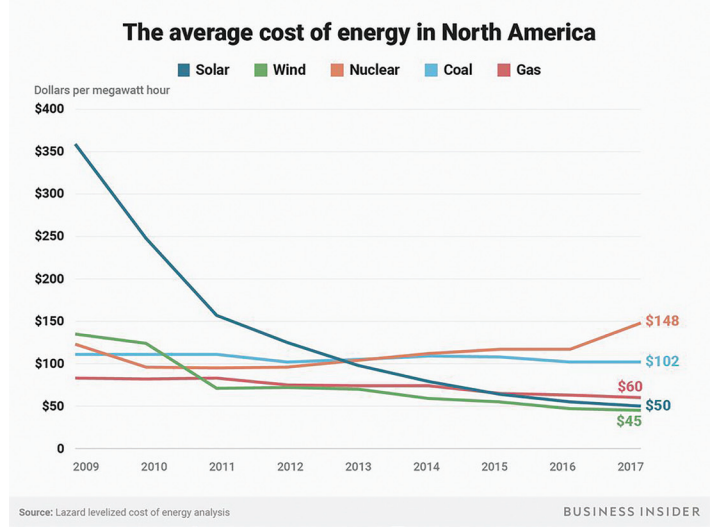
ENERGY SUBSIDIES



The pie chart¹ inserted above depicts federal energy subsidies through 2009, with Oil & Gas having received subsidies since 1918 for a cumulative total of \$446.96 billion, Nuclear since 1947 having received \$185.38 billion, and Renewables since 1994 having received \$5.93 billion.

From my taxpayer perspective, I believe that subsidies are meant to encourage scaling of an energy solution until it stands on its own cost-competitively, like solar is now, and to achieve energy goals for the country, whether it is energy independence or economic development.

See this chart² below which shows how rapidly the cost of solar has come down in a short amount of time from 2009 to 2017; the relatively small dollar amount of incentives worked wonders to lower costs of this technology exponentially. And this chart only went to 2017; the cost of solar power has been halved since then to now and the cost of wind power has declined almost as much as more efficient technology has been deployed.



But my question is, why do we continue to give oil, gas and coal companies subsidies to the tune of billions and billions annually today? “net subsidies to conventional energy after tax reform are still at a staggering \$52 to \$67 billion over the 2018-27 time period. Fossil fuels comprise more than 80 percent of the total, with nuclear the remainder.”³

Further, in researching the answer to that question, I found that due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) passed in 2017, fossil fuel companies like Chevron are paying no taxes. “ITEP: More than one-third of profitable firms in their review that paid no federal taxes in 2018 were oil and gas or utilities”⁴.

Hmmm, is this right? Couldn’t we spend that \$67 billion better?

¹ What Would Jefferson Do? The Historical Role of Federal Subsidies in Shaping America’s Energy Future by Nancy Pfund and Ben Healey Sept 2011 DBL Investors
² www.businessinsider.com/solar-power-cost-decrease-2018-5/
³ www.earthtrack.net/blog/tax-reform-and-energy-sector-looking-winners-and-losers
⁴ www.earthtrack.net/blog/big-surprise-fossil-fuels-win-under-tax-reform



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