

# Risks and Opportunities for Idaho in a Changing Climate

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Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
7-8 pm (reception following)  
Grand Ballroom, Riverside Hotel  
2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, ID 83714



**This event is FREE and open to the public.**

Kate Gordon, founding director of the Risky Business Project and a nationally recognized expert on clean energy and economic development, will speak on “Risks and Opportunities for Idaho in a Changing Climate” during a free presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 9 at the Riverside Hotel (2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise).

Evidence of a changing climate is all around us, from flooding in Houston and Florida to excessive heat and wildfires in the West. These physical climate impacts have real economic costs to Idaho businesses and communities. But there is also economic opportunity to be found in adapting to, and mitigating, these risks. This talk will focus on quantifying the risks to Idaho, and identifying the real growth and competitiveness opportunities facing this state as the rest of the world moves toward a carbon-constrained economy.

Kate Gordon is a lawyer, urban planner, non-profit advisor, and leader in the “green jobs” and climate risk movement in the U.S. She is currently an independent consultant and senior advisor at the Paulson Institute, where she provides strategic support on issues related to climate change and sustainable economic growth. Before joining the Paulson Institute, she was the founding director of the Risky Business Project, co-chaired by NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg, former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Hank Paulson, and business leader and philanthropist Tom Steyer, and focused on the economic risks the U.S. faces from unmitigated climate change.

The free event is part of the [Northwest Climate Conference](#). A question-and-answer session facilitated by Marcia Franklin, Idaho Public Television, will follow Gordon’s presentation. A free reception open to all will occur after the session is finished.

The Northwest Climate Conference brings together more than 300 researchers and practitioners from around the region to discuss scientific results, challenges and solutions related to the impacts of climate on people, natural resources, and infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest. The conference is being organized by the [University of Idaho](#) this year.