

Episode 56XD August 20 2024. Burning Man contends with unusually slow ticket sales.

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first excuse. There is a stumbling block to educating the public to begin with. There is an international agreement based on the scientifically debunked theory of Carbon Neutrality of Wood Burning. This scientifically debunked theory posits that if a tree is planted in the place of a cut down burned tree that eventually that newly planted tree will perform photosynthesis at the rate that the cut down tree was performing it. Photosynthesis exchanges carbon in the form of CO₂ in the air around the tree for oxygen that a mature tree emits. But it takes decades or centuries for a tree to attain the stature and ability to perform photosynthesis at the same rate as the cut down burned tree. In the meantime the PM_{2.5} and CO₂ of tree wood burning is continuing unabated. And even if eventually CO₂ is absorbed by a mature tree the fact is that trees do not absorb PM_{2.5} and it is shown in a recent scientific study that trees close their pores against PM_{2.5} in a wildfire setting recognizing PM_{2.5} as a toxin to trees. For the sake of continuing education humans must learn Wood burning emits 90% PM_{2.5} particulate matter of 2.5 micrometer size the perfect size to infiltrate the human lung setting off a cascade of human health problems and early deaths. The first solution is for that international agreement to become void and for all countries in the world to acknowledge that wood burning is not carbon neutral but acknowledge that replacing coal burning with wood burning only brings us closer and faster to climate change, and in the process pollutes our air causing many unnecessary early deaths. Right now by using the argument of the scientifically debunked theory of Carbon Neutrality of Wood Burning countries around the world do not count wood burning emissions so that it looks like a country is meeting its climate goals on paper while in reality making climate change more certain by burning wood.

2B The second excuse. Indoor residential wood burners may say they are indigent and that burning wood is the only way an indigent person can heat his or her home. The second solution is the up to \$8,000 rebate for Heat Pumps that work down to 40 degrees below zero and double as air conditioners. The up to \$8,000 rebate is based on a sliding income scale so that the most indigent receive the entire \$8,000 rebate which in many cases means that a resident may receive a clean energy Heat Pump that lowers monthly electric bills immediately at almost no cost.

2 United States. Inside Climate News Newsletter. Harris Stirs Hope for a New Chapter in Climate Action. Although expected to follow in Biden's pragmatic footsteps her record as a prosecutor and voice for justice has environmentalists looking to the future. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. August 18 2024. Although President Joe Biden already has cemented an unmatched legacy of climate change action Vice President Kamala Harris raised the bar the moment that she entered the presidential race on July 21. Those who care about the climate are now considering new possibilities based on Harris' past actions. Close observers of environmental politics expect a Harris presidency to follow closely in the footsteps of the Biden presidency setting ambitious goals to reduce climate pollution but using carrots more than sticks to hasten a clean energy transition. The most visible immediate difference between Biden and Harris may be in their ability to communicate the benefits of the more than \$500 billion the current administration has directed toward clean energy. At the June presidential debate when Trump called that spending a green new scam that is driving inflation Biden flailed with his rejoinder: If we reach for 1.5 degrees Celsius at any one point well there is no way back. In contrast Harris' rhetoric on the administration's climate program honed over the past year in travels at home and abroad focuses on individuals success stories and here-and-now benefits much as Biden sought to do in his successful 2020 Build Back Better campaign. When we invest in climate we create jobs we lower costs and we invest in families Harris said at an April event in North Carolina.

3A United States. National Public Radio. Burning Man contends with unusually slow ticket sales. RAWSEP View: One hopes that the decline in interest in Burning Man stems only from distaste for the title of the event. Why should wood

burning be celebrated or worse celebrated in a large scale event that pollutes the air and devastates the desert itself? The reasons given in this article however are that the weather conditions of excessive rain in 2023 and temperatures raised above 100 degrees Fahrenheit in 2002. Does the imagination of Burning Man event goers extend to connecting the dots of their wood burning air pollution to increasingly fast climate change? Burning Man attendees give the excuse that they are being creative by burning wood among other planet harming practices like driving gas fueled vehicles offroad in the desert. Humans can be creative without being destructive and that creative non-destructive art can be the most beautiful and lasting of all attempts at creativity. Create do not destroy is not the motto of Burning Man. It is time to retire this tired old festival. Maybe the public is waking up or at least people who are not rich enough to have disposable income that disposes of any conscience about polluting the earth and threatening the health of their fellow human beings could be waking up. Or as the article below states the economic cost may be too high although the environmental cost is ignored by attendees. The human health cost of wood burning is also obviously ignored by attendees. Can we make Burner a pejorative word applied to each individual rich bully or should this simply be labelled a destructive practice that is legislated out of existence for the good of human health? Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. August 17 2024. Heard on All Things Considered. Thousands of revelers were stuck in the mud for days last year. The Burning Man festival typically draws a sellout crowd of at least 70,000 revelers. But this year the sprawling cultural event which takes place over a week starting in late August is facing an unusual drop in demand. For the first time since the festival started selling out in 2011 the organizers are offering tickets to last-minute buyers without requiring preregistration. Also the resale market is flooded. On sites like StubHub and SeatGeek customers can currently get their hands on a ticket for less than half of the regular price. Festival organizers are saying the spontaneous ticket offering is intentional. In an email to NPR Burning Man spokeswoman said the festival came up with the instant gratification option in response to the global trend for last-minute ticket buying. A Hudson Valley New York-based Burner blames the record-breaking heat of 2022 followed by the mud-bath-inducing rains of 2023 for putting people off in 2024. It takes so much work to get there and all your things get drenched and ruined. Burning Man's sluggish sales may equally be a result of potential attendees feeling like they can't afford to attend. Festival demographic data shows a big increase over the past decade in attendees with personal incomes of \$100,000 to \$300,000 and a steep decrease in those who earn less than \$50,000. Many of those high-earning Burners work in tech an industry which has been beset with layoffs lately which could partly explain the drop in ticket sales. The event is expensive: A standard ticket in 2024 costs \$575. there are additional expenses ranging from parking and camp fees to RV rental and flights. A 2023 BBC report included attendees who said they spent up to \$8,000 to attend Burning Man. 3B United States. CBS News. Burning Man tickets haven't sold out for the first time since 2011. Here's why. Moneywatch. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. August 19 2024. CBS News. Burning Man's allure appears to be fading with festival goers as tickets are still available ahead of its August 25 kickoff. It's the first time since 2011 that the event hasn't sold out long before its opening day. Bad weather at the desert event during the past two years appears to be slowing Burning Man ticket sales for this year's festival which runs from Aug. 25 to Sept. 2. After Burning Man attendees endured extreme heat in 2022 followed by heavy rain and muddy conditions in 2023 many would-be Burners as festival attendees are called are staying home this year. 4 New Jersey. Wildfire smoke makes for dangerous air

pollution NJ Spotlight News All wildfire smoke is different and depends on the nature of the wood burned the scale of the fire the distance smoke travels and weather 5 New York Rockland Matzah Bakeries. **RAWSEP View** is that stopping PM2.5 emissions from wood burning is a common sense measure which is not only sane but humane to protect Human Health that went into effect recently in New York. This law was not targeting a religious group unless wood fired pizzerias rather than clean energy electric stove pizzerias are holy shrines which they are not. This law would protect families from continuing to expose their loved ones to unnecessary air pollution at the same time as this law will protect the near neighbors of indoor wood burners from health harming wood burning PM2.5 emissions. If choosing clean air over polluted air seems forced perhaps it is time to examine the level of selfishness from which you are operating in the world and improve your character by refraining from polluting our common air. From the article Senator Weber Co-Sponsors Bill After NYC Regulation Targeting Matzah Bakeries Takes Effect Rockland Daily smoke pollutants by 75% to be able to bake matzah for the 2025 Passover The DEP's claim that wood burning or coal stoves are the largest NYC Regulation Targeting Matzah Bakeries Takes Effect FrumNews.com **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization**. August 1, 2024. New York's controversial environmental regulation and decree targeting all the frum community's kosher Matzah bakeries (and an estimated 130 city pizzerias) has gone into effect. A nearly identical bipartisan bill to stop this insane regulation which was forced upon us is in committee in the New York State Senate proposed by New York State Senator Bill Weber (R-38), who proudly represents the Kehilla in Monsey and Rockland County and New York State Senator Jessica Scarcella–Spanton a friend and ally to the Jewish community. 6 North Carolina. REMINDER: DEQ to Give Update Today on Fine Particle Air Pollution in North Carolina NC DEQ NC.gov Live Spanish interpretation will be available during the webinar. Webinar: North Carolina Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Update When: 6:00-7:30 p.m. Department of Environmental Quality gives updates on fine particle air pollution Mountain Xpress Fine particulate matter or PM2.5 is any extremely small particle emitted by manmade (cars industry fires) and natural (wildfires plants animals) 7 Washington Wenatchee. **RAWSEP View** Just do not burn wood. Moist or dry wood still emits 2.8 times the CO2 and PM2.5 than coal burning. From the Article headline: Interest Growing For Meeting After Pioneer Fire Is Contained NewsRadio 560 KPQ wood. Seasoned wood is important to use because wood that still has a higher moisture content will burn poorly and produce excessive smoke. Fireplace Safety Flammable Objects. Tip #1: Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from your fireplace or wood stove. 8 Canada Alberta. **RAWSEP View** Just do not burn wood. Moist or dry wood still emits 2.8 times the CO2 and PM2.5 than coal burning. Grande Prairie Forest Area Wildfire Update August 18 2024 The Alberta Wildfire Blog Government of Alberta To find out more about where the smoke is coming from visit Firesmoke.ca. Safe wood campfires within fire rings in campgrounds are allowed. 9 New Zealand. Ōnehunga waste facility fire sends smoke billowing into Auckland sky threatening. MSN A Fire and Emergence NZ spokesperson said crews were alerted to a well-involved fire in Ōnehunga just after 1pm. A large wood chip pile is on fire. 10A United Kingdom Birmingham. UK households with a wood burner face £300 fines in 2024 Birmingham Live smoke. You can be fined up to £1,000 if you burn unauthorised fuel The new laws governing wood-burning stoves were introduced in a bid to burn unauthorised fuel without an exempt appliance. Why were the laws introduced? 10B United Kingdom Leicester. New government rules on wood-burning stoves with £300 fines in 2024 Leicestershire Live Leicester Mercury You can only be fined for using a wood-burning stove if you do not follow the proper legislation for example if you burn the incorrect fuel.