

TNT letters to the editor, 7/17/2021

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Climate change

“Heat wave is pounding our mountain,” ([TNT editorial, 6/29](#)).

Remember *Juneuary*? Those days when the month of June would feel more like winter than summer are over.

Now the word “Juneuary” is out and “heat dome” is in. As the editorial pointed out, Mount Rainier’s glaciers are melting at unprecedented rates, and all living beings on the mountain and downstream will pay the price.

I suggest that price should be placed on carbon emissions.

Record heat waves, forest fires, hurricanes, flooding – this is our new reality. In a New York Times guest essay, Dr. Michael Mann and Susan Joy Hassol wrote that heat waves now happen at the triple the frequency as in the 1960s, and record-breaking heat impacts 25 percent more Northern Hemisphere land mass than in 1980.

As old records are shattered, tragically, so are people’s lives.

A federal carbon fee on emissions is one fair, effective way to address this threat. We must be up to the task.

Otherwise, how will we explain to our grandchildren that we knew climate change was upon us yet we did too little too late?

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