

Turn to the sun

Re "Calling for permanent wildfire-protection solutions" (Guest comment, by Robert Woods, June 27):

Here's a suggestion for preventing wildfires and protecting more people from power outages—help more people make and store solar energy on their property.

First, there is less burden on the grid, so they don't have to maintain power lines as much in wildfire-risk areas. Second, people can keep their power on during an outage. Third, people also reduce their electricity bills. Finally, we increase everyone's personal freedom and self-reliance (while also being part of the solution).

You'd think the government and utilities would be tripping over themselves to make it as easy as possible for more people to install solar. But the opposite is true. The utilities do everything possible to attack solar with red tape and fees. The government just looks the other way. While also talking about

spending billions more in public dollars fighting wildfires.

How about while they're talking about spending all this money, they also make a "Solar Bill of Rights" to stop the utility attacks on solar?

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Wake up, save Earth

How did we get so numb? The United Nations announced that we expect over a million species to go extinct in the near future. A *million*! What will be left? Cockroaches and pigeons? (Are pigeons even birds?) Humans? Why does this kind of thing barely make the news? Then it becomes old news. Like a blip on the old TV screen?

Wake up! This is like they are about to drop atom bombs on us. Will our most basic needs even be met? Food, shelter, clothing. What crops will still be able to grow? Which livestock? We cannot

ignore this if we love our children. America is an optimistic, can-do country. This approaching train wreck of climate destruction can still, barley, be stopped. If we really want it.

Join the Citizens' Climate Lobby or Chico 350 or the Sunrise Movement. Speak up. If enough of us care, and say so, even Rep. Doug LaMalfa will understand that protecting our kids is part of the job description. Help stop climate denial and step forward to make a difference.

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'Check your letters'

Re "Disappointed by favoritism" (Letters, by Lucy Cooke, July 4):

I have no idea who Ms. Cooke is, but after reading her nonsensical letter I have to respond.

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