



E-Sierran Newsletter



Events, Updates, News, and more!
October 2026

Dear Emma,

The trees have started to turn across New England and the first nor'easter of the season already hit our shores. Despite these weather ups and downs, there has been lots of action happening at the Chapter and beyond. Just in the last few weeks, we hosted a [press conference](#) on utility donations to the Statehouse, led a fall foliage hike in the Elder Grove, and are preparing for our rescheduled [Hands Across the Sand](#) event on October 18th.

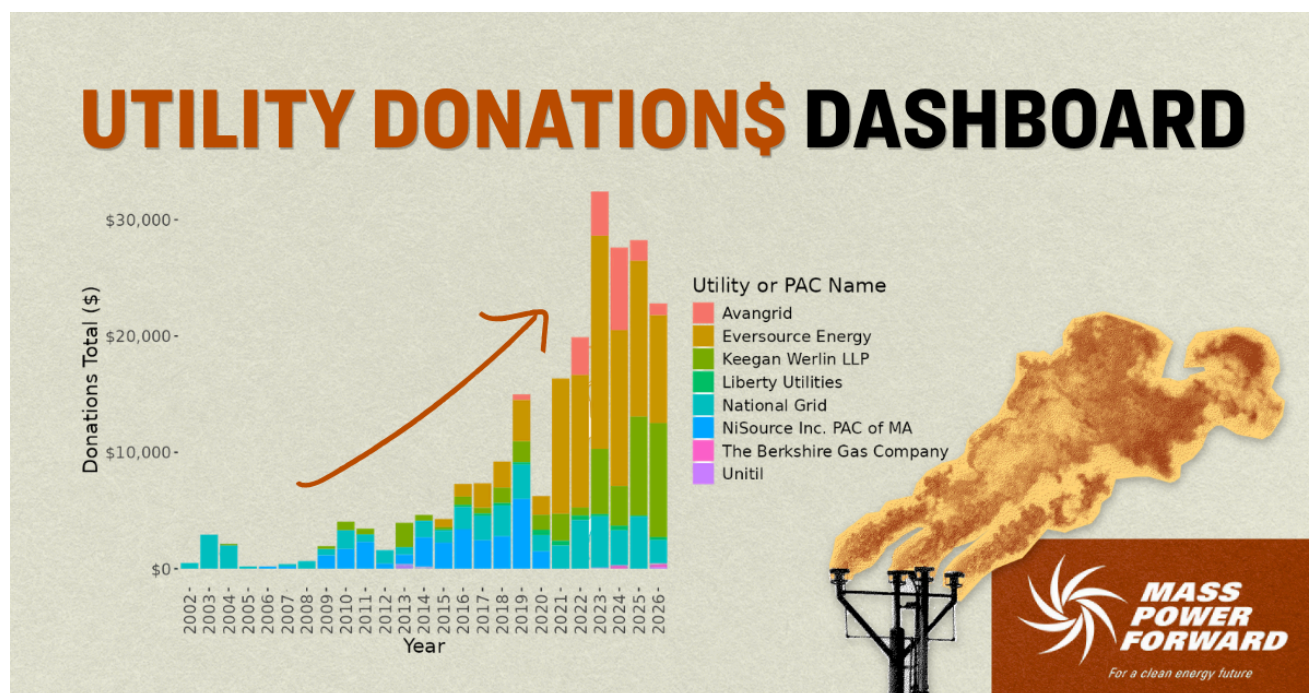


Monday, October 10th is Indigenous Peoples' Day. Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the enduring sovereignty, stewardship, and leadership of Indigenous peoples across our lands and waters.

Our friends at the North American Indian Center of Boston ([NAICOB](#)) are hosting an event on the steps of the Statehouse, we hope you'll check it out if you are able.

🍁 Keep reading to see what else is happening across the state in October!

New dashboard tracks utility donations at Statehouse



We need our legislators to prioritize equitable climate policy and energy affordability, NOT the broken utility business model. [Mass Power Forward](#) just launched a new dashboard containing publicly available data from the Office of

Campaign and Political Finance that tracks the amount of donations flowing from senior employees at utilities to the campaigns of our legislators.

[View the dashboard!](#)

TAKE ACTION: [Ask your legislators to sign the No Utility Money Challenge](#)

We're calling on our legislators to take the No Utility Money Pledge and promise to not take donations from utility PACs or from employees of utilities.

Forest Protection Team to host two film screenings



This month, the Chapter's Forest Protection Team is organizing two screenings of the film *Old Growth Forests: Nature's Biotic Water Pump* by producer Ray Asselin. This film describes how important forests are and explains how forests control our climate and "pump" water across continents. Time will be reserved after the film for Q&A in both screenings. We hope to see you at one!

October 8th at 7pm
Screening at Patagonia Cambridge
[RSVP Here](#)

October 24th at 10am
Virtual screening
[RSVP Here](#)

Take action by October 15th: No Immunity for Big Oil!



Ask your elected state and local leaders: sign on to say No Immunity for Big Oil. Federal legislation that would give corporate polluters immunity is still on the table and we need our leaders to speak loudly and publicly. Want to learn more? Find out what oil and gas companies knew and when in this [new report](#) from our friends at Center for Climate Integrity.

✉ Email sam.lambert@sierraclub.org for your toolkit to contact your state and local leaders.

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[New Date!] Hands Across the Sand Boston



Join Sierra Club Massachusetts, Communities Responding to Extreme Weather - CREW, and Mothers Out Front Cambridge to honor a national day of action to protect our oceans! We will lock hands to demonstrate a physical line in the land against oil drilling, and solidify our commitment to advocating for a clean energy future and healthy climate.

👉 Bring a friend, wear blue or ocean colors, and help create a powerful visual message: protect our ocean, protect our future.

Join us on October 18th!

📢 Action of the Month 🦊

Call Governor Healey: We can't afford more fracked gas!

Last week, Governor Healey [sent a letter](#) to Secretary Wright, Trump's Secretary of Energy, requesting that the federal government move quickly in its review and permitting of [R.A.R.E.](#), a gas pipeline expansion project running through CT, RI, and MA. This expansion project will cost \$300 million and bring an additional 75 million cubic feet per day of fracked gas capacity to the region. Healey cites energy affordability as the reasons for her request, ignoring the pricing and supply constraints that drive up our fracked gas-reliant energy costs in the winter, and our 2050 net zero goals. Our Governor, who campaigned on stopping pipelines as the AG, is now requesting more polluting and expensive fossil fuel energy. We have to let her know that we don't want more fracked-gas.

☎ **Please call Healey's office at (617) 725-4005, and let her know that we can't afford more gas in our state.**

➡ Stay tuned for upcoming actions opposing R.A.R.E and Project Beacon.

Upcoming Chapter Events

📢 [Legislative Action Hour: Nuclear & Biomass](#)
📅 October 15th at 6pm

 Virtual event

In this action hour we'll learn how the two versions of the energy bill differ on the topics of biomass and nuclear and why it's crucial to close the biomass "loophole", which is subsidizing burning carbon and calling it clean energy.



Ames Nowell State Park Fall Hike



October 17th at 9:30am



Abington, MA

Join the us on a fall hike through Ames Nowell State Park in Abington, Massachusetts. The hike will be on a trail that goes around Cleveland pond (Ames Nowell Loop) through a forested area with some wetlands, bridges and a couple of water views.



Quabbin Reservoir Hike - Rabbit Run Rail Bed and Soapstone Hill Loop



October 25th at 10am



Petersham, MA

It's fall in New England, a perfect time to be hiking in the forest. Please join the Sierra Club MA Chapter on a 5.6 mile hike in the watershed forest near the Quabbin Reservoir (Petersham, MA). There are beautiful views of the reservoir along the trail and at the summit of Soapstone Hill. If we're lucky, we should see peak fall foliage.



Plastic & PFAS Webinar



October 26th at 7pm



Virtual event

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and plastics are often thought of as separate issues, but they are strongly linked with combined health and environmental impacts. This webinar will discuss why PFAS are so widely used in these applications along with the challenges of replacing these "forever chemicals" in the marketplace.



Spooky Legislative Action Hour 🧛



October 29th at 6pm



Boston, MA

Join us in the Boston office of Sierra Club Massachusetts to hold our spooky legislature accountable! More details to come, but there will definitely be free food/drinks and legislative advocacy.

Visit our [Chapter events calendar](#) to see all upcoming committee and team meetings, in addition to special events!



Friend & Partner Events

October 19 | [Decarbonizing the Data: Professor Zana Cranmer](#)

October 26 | [Preparing for Extreme Weather Workshop - Sustainable](#)

[Middleborough](#)

November 5 | [Plastic-Free Future: Protecting People and the Planet](#)

November 14 | [Ending Gas Pipeline Expansion in CT and the Northeast](#)

What We're Reading

- Healey, declaring an ‘energy emergency,’ moves to temporarily cut electric bills, bolster home heating aid ([Boston Globe](#))
- ‘Not a call for sacrifice’: Wu urges climate action despite increasing headwinds ([Boston Globe](#))
- US offshore wind project battered by Trump attacks installs final turbine ([Recharge](#))
- What a canceled battery project in Tewksbury says about New England's aging power grid ([WBUR](#))



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