

**APPENDIX I: Natural Resources Trust and Stewardship**  
**Proposed PCAP Items and Timeline**  
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**PRESIDENTIAL PLATFORM**

- 1) Invoke the principle of *Nature's Trust* as a platform to:
  - Address the urgency of climate crisis and the need for a fundamental paradigm shift in natural resources stewardship;
  - Announce a change in government policy to uphold and defend the natural trust, rather than grant public assets away to private and foreign interests; emphasize the strict duty of loyalty and responsibility to the beneficiaries -- the citizens and future generations;
  - Challenge government representatives to face their moral, legal and fiduciary responsibility to manage the trust to ensure: needed resources, public health and welfare, private property safeguards, economic prosperity, and global security;
  - Convey a sense of responsibility that will impel Americans to reduce their personal carbon emissions and induce businesses to eliminate waste and pollution;
- 2) Join with religious, scientific, business, educational and international leaders to voice common principles grounded in the Nature's Trust paradigm;
- 3) Pledge to initiate the National Climate Defense Plan within first 30 days of office.

**NATIONAL CLIMATE DEFENSE PLAN**

**First 30 days of office:**

- 1) Give Inaugural Address declaring National Climate Defense a supreme priority; express U.S. resolve to fully meet the nation's proportionate share of planetary GHG reduction; commit U.S. technology leadership to bring about carbon-neutral infrastructure and practices world-wide;
- 2) Inspire *national climate patriotism* by reviving Roosevelt-style "Fireside Chats," using all available communications and media to convey the moral position to embolden personal and business innovation to confront climate crisis; transmit climate initiatives world-wide; and report-on government progress to secure the natural trust;
- 3) Direct NASA (in conjunction with DOC, DOI, DOE, USDA and NRCS) to: (i) accurately monitor GHG emissions and terrestrial carbon sequestration and flux, and (ii) develop a sustainable National Carbon "Budget," based on the precautionary approach that sets quantitative mileposts for GHG reduction between 2010 and 2050 and meets or exceeds Kyoto Protocol GHG reduction targets of 5% below 1990 levels by 2012;
- 4) Charge the Council on Environmental Quality with issuing a detailed atmospheric recovery plan to carry out the GHG budget and with producing a national quarterly accounting of all carbon emissions;
- 5) Appoint and convene cabinet members for a "climate defense" strategy and convey six overriding defense principles:
  - All elected and agency officials are trustees of resources owned by the American public;
  - Agency officials must approach climate-defense as a national-defense effort and must marshal appropriate federal support and resources in common defense of the natural trust and, in particular, the atmosphere;
  - Climate defense must meet quantitative measures calibrated to Nature's Mandate;
  - Time is of the essence in carrying out National Climate Defense -policies, -plans, and -studies --- in light of the Nature's planetary climate "tipping point" and the margin of time lost by lack of prior leadership;
  - Top public officials must regularly provide candid information to the American public regarding the state of climate, actual threats to citizens' safety and welfare and governmental efforts to mitigate climate change;

- Agencies must implement the precautionary approach in natural resources and environmental management and phase out pollution permits through emphasis on industrial process reform rather than end-of-pipe regulation;

**First 100 days of office:**

- 1) Direct EPA to pass emergency regulations under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and NEPA to control GHG and GHG-contributing contaminants from all sources and grant pending state waivers allowing more stringent regulation;
- 2) Issue an Executive Order requiring all Federal Agencies to:
  - Take direct action to preserve natural trust assets;
  - Impose emergency moratoria within each agency's jurisdiction to reassess and cap water pollutants, soil contaminants, GHG and all contributing contaminants, including moratorium on all new coal fired plants and new oil, gas and coal development;
  - Create a plan for GHG reduction for all sources and resources under their jurisdiction in accordance with the national carbon budget;
- 3) Direct *all* Federal Departments, Agencies and Bureaus to identify funding and to develop Congressional appropriations requests to implement the National Climate Defense Plan;
- 4) Direct the U.S. Department of Justice to serve in a proactive transactional and advisory capacity to facilitate carbon reduction, to avoid obstructive defense litigation that undermines the public trust responsibility, and to facilitate the legal interpretation of all statutory authorities in furtherance of the trust responsibility;
- 5) Direct the U.S. Department of Education to facilitate academic research in carbon emissions accounting and support national recovery plan training needed to carry out a the National Carbon Budget plan;
- 6) Direct the OMB to:
  - Monitor and enforce trust principles throughout the Executive Branch;
  - Create, within six months, a plan to cap and reduce GHG from all federal operations;
  - Identify all federal subsidies (public investments) supporting GHG emissions; and
  - Create a plan to transfer all such subsidies (public investments) to Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation and Conservation of Natural Resources operations;
- 7) Direct the U.S. Department of Transportation to:
  - Create a plan to implement near-term, feasible road/bridge/parking operational changes to support maximal carpooling and pedestrian-, wheelchair-, bicycle-, and public- transit;
  - Create a plan to revamp the nation's transportation infrastructure to develop and support "clean", family-safe, mass-transit and alternative public transit within and between urban areas;
  - Create a plan to reduce GHG emissions associated with air travel. Support a cap-and-trade system for flights based on mileage points and for infrastructure modifications available within the airline industry. Support D&R of "greener" fuels and transport modalities.
  - Establish (in conjunction with EPA) stringent fuel-efficiency and carbon-emission standards for *all* vehicles;
- 8) Direct the Department of Agriculture to undertake a comprehensive inventory of the nations' food supply that accounts for all relevant climate crisis variables (flood, fire, drought, crop losses, invasive species, disease, temperature extremes, soil health, soil contaminants, etc.) and develop local-federal coordination to protect remaining farmland for food supplies and encourage public support for local food production;
- 9) Direct the Department of Revenue to promulgate a comprehensive tax reform package that shifts business and personal tax deductions from carbon-producing activities to carbon-conservation activities and that proposes a carbon-emissions fee to generate and shift revenue to fund the National Climate Defense plan;

- 10) Direct the Department of State to engage international diplomacy and trade policy to regain full alliance in global climate defense efforts and to offer support of renewable energy and energy efficiency development;
- 11) Direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to label GHG emissions and other natural resource contaminants associated with all consumer products;
- 12) Direct the Department of Health and Human Services (in conjunction with NIH, CDC, HHS and HRSA) to accurately quantify the health and quality-of-life impacts of GHG emissions and other natural resource contaminants to trust citizens (beneficiaries);
- 13) Direct the Department of Labor and Industries to establish voluntary and regulatory programs to reduce emissions related to employment-related commuting.

**First six months of office**

- 1) Hold a summit with all State Governors to clearly: a) convey their mutual fiduciary obligation and the inexcusability of orphan carbon shares, b) establish a means of statewide, downwind and downstream carbon and contaminant accounting and to establish *trustee accountability* to ensure necessary GHG and related contaminant reduction, and c) negotiate government-to-government climate agreements with native nations;
- 2) Propose legislation to Congress giving citizen beneficiaries the right to enforce carbon and contaminant accountings and budgets through citizen suits.
- 3) Convene a national summit with the Executive Branch, Climate experts, Agency managers and Congressional leaders to clarify performance review guidelines and accountability measures and to review and consider additional measures for implementing the National Climate Defense plan.

**Annual State of the Union Address:**

Give *State of the National Trust* and *National Climate Defense* progress reports.