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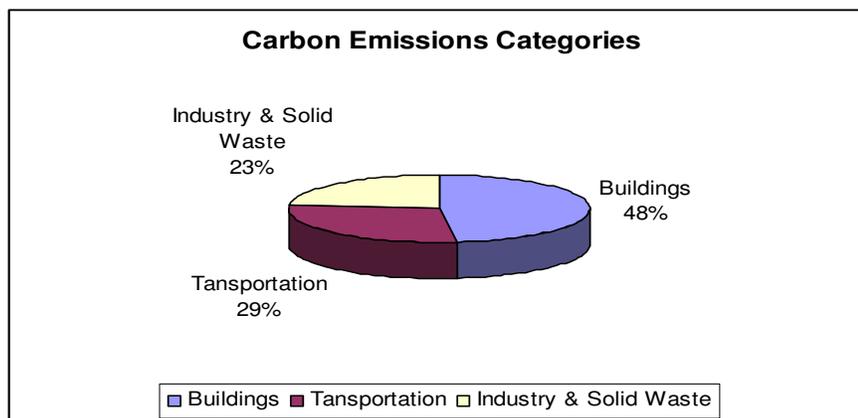
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Hailey Climate Protection Efforts Bolstered by Idaho Energy & Green Building Conference

(Hailey, Idaho) As part of Hailey's ongoing efforts to develop the most energy efficient community possible, five members of the Hailey Climate Protection Committee attended the Idaho Energy and Green Building conference last week in Boise. The three day conference presented a forum for sharing information about our energy resources and needs from state and national building associations, private sector specialists, Idaho power companies, Idaho state legislators and a multitude of Idaho city officials and employees.

Conference speakers and small group workshops focused on issues facing communities and industries when looking forward to the escalating costs and difficulties in developing sufficient energy for our state's growing energy needs. Increased use of electricity and fossil fuel by all of our citizens, as well as the ongoing growth of our population, will increasingly outstrip our resources into the foreseeable future. Each industry representative at the conference reiterated the message that more than half the solution to this ongoing problem will have to come from dramatically increased efficiencies in both new and old buildings, transformative city planning, and significantly increased awareness and action in residential and commercial energy consumption.

Hailey Climate Protection Committee members returned home with a vividly increased awareness of the universal need for immediate change in how our community, our businesses, and our homes consume our limited energy resources. Specifically, buildings create 48% of carbon emissions, transportation 29%, and industry and solid waste the remaining 23%.



The speakers and workshop leaders brought together a wide range of tools and methods that offer potential in addressing the specific and significant energy reduction strategies necessary in each of these categories.

In the upcoming months the Climate Protection Committee will be bringing this information and recommendations to residents, businesses and officials in a continued effort to create a community that is sustainable in its energy needs as well as a place that continues to be a pleasure to live and work.

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