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## NEWS FROM THE BERKELEY CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK - JUNE 29

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### 1. **Speed and Scale: Deforestation in tropics UP 10% in 2022**

World Resources Institute [reports](#) that a year after 145 countries pledged to end deforestation by 2030, deforestation in 2022 in the tropics actually WENT UP by 10%. Deforestation GHGs produced in 2022 = All 2022 GHGs from India. At the same time, biodiversity loss = huge.

### 2. **Are You Working on Climate & Migration?**

Berkeley has an increasing number of researchers working on the super-critical issues around **climate-induced migration and displacement**. See BCCN's latest "bench" — [Climate Migration @ Berkeley](#) — and stay tuned for some sort of collective opportunity this Fall. Of course, email BCCN to add someone to the bench. (NOTE: Berkeley has many researchers working on climate and likewise on migration. This list is an attempt to identify people working at the INTERSECTION of these two massive issues.)

### 3. **Climate \$\$\$ Deadlines: CITRIS, 5th Assessment, and MORE**

We have a number of deadlines coming up for climate funding opportunities: CITRIS Climate Action Acceleration Fund (June 30), CA 5th Climate Assessment (July 17 [7/11 to SPO]), NOAA Regional Climate Resilience Challenge (Aug 21), Burroughs Climate & Health Inter-Disciplinary Awards (Aug 31) and California Climate Resilience Centers (Sept 5). Get all the info and links on the [BCCN Funding Opportunities page](#).

### 4. **Wild Billions: The Money We've Waited a Generation to See**

The fabulous Bay Area magazine/web **BAY NATURE** is just starting [WILD BILLIONS](#) an on-going series "examining the impacts of and obstacles to funding for nature in the Bay Area from the federal BIL and IRA." As they say, it could be transformational if spent wisely.

## 5. The (Climate) Court is in Session: News from Montana and Oregon

[Held v. Montana](#) wrapped up its long-awaited trial last week in Helena. Meet the youth plaintiffs, watch trial highlights and find out what's next [here](#). Meanwhile the original Youth v. Gov in Oregon is again close-but-not-there-yet - details [here](#). (The Biden DOJ continues to oppose.) Up the road in Portland, Multnomah County is [suing a slew of oil and gas companies](#) for damages caused by the deadly 2021 heatwave that would have been "[virtually impossible](#)" without climate change.

## 6. Groundwater Toxics and Bay Area Climate Hotspots

CED's Kristina Hill is the lead author on a new [report](#) on toxics, groundwater and sea level rise. Rising groundwater levels in the Bay Area could put more than 5,200 state- and federally-managed toxic waste sites at risk. Many of these sites are near communities already burdened with pollution — West Oakland, Richmond and Hunter's Point.

At the same time, our friends at [Greenbelt Alliance](#) have produced a cool new interactive web site — data-driven and community-informed — spotlighting [18 climate resilience hotspots](#) "where lands and communities are at greatest risk from climate hazards. Places where investing in people and leading with nature will change the trajectory of our region's future so that people and ecosystems thrive."

## 7. JOBS @ the Berkeley Office of Sustainability

The UC Berkeley Office of Sustainability is hiring 9 students for the Fall semester and continuing through the next academic year. Four different positions! 9 students! Deadline is July 10 at 5 pm. Get all info on the [BCCN News Page](#).

## 8. Daniel Ellsberg, Berkeley, and Climate Activism

Daniel Ellsberg, who died earlier this month at 92, had many ties to Berkeley — see short [web bio](#) at our School of Journalism site. Quite wonderfully, the J-School just established the [Daniel Ellsberg Whistleblower in Residence Program](#) which will bring a whistleblower to campus for a week every year to "teach students how to work hand in hand with these brave individuals to make sure their stories are told and they are protected."

Among the years of Berkeley-Ellsberg links, the Washington Post's reporter/editor who got the Pentagon Papers from Ellsberg (at great risk to himself) was **Ben Bagdikian**, who taught journalism here 1976-90 and was the J-School Dean 1985-88. You can see actors playing Bagdikian and Ellsberg in Spielberg's *The Post* but to go straight to the source try streaming "[The Most Dangerous Man in America,](#)" Rick Goldsmith's and Judith Ehrlich's Academy Award-Nominated documentary.

In that spirit, here is Multnomah County Chair **Jessica Vega Pederson**:

"At the core, this lawsuit is about fairness and accountability for these giant oil companies who have record profits, who have known about the damage that their products do to our environment and who have been using pseudoscience, disinformation and outright lies for decades. They have prevented us from making the changes needed to protect our climate

and protect our community.”

## **9. BCCN Climate Calendar**

[California Climate Adaptation Forum July 31-Aug 2 \(Pomona\)](#)

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