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A Comment from Gerald Fleischman follows:

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I just wanted to remind the commission that we should not be complacent in the idea that we produce a significant portion of the energy we use in the state from our own resources. We produce 10,566,306 MWh (36.06 tBtu) of electricity depending on the year from all renewable energy resources in Idaho. (<http://www.eia.doe.gov/state/SEP MoreReserves.cfm>)

We consume approximately 529 tBtu. Thus we generate approximately 6.8% of our total energy use. We are a long way from any substantial production of our own energy.

Also, the long term supply of natural gas in the United States may not be what it is being hyped to be. Note the following excerpt from James Howard Kunstler's April 4, 2011 blog:

<http://kunstler.com/blog/2011/04/blowing-green-smoke.html>

Mr. Obama told the nation that we have a 100 year supply of natural gas. (The moronic Larry Kudlow of CNBC told his audience it was 300 years). Neither of them knows what he is talking about (and evidently Energy Secretary Chu doesn't either). So far, proven reserves of shale gas amount to about a 4 to 6 year US supply at current rates, and total natural gas reserves - including conventional gas, the kind that doesn't require fracking - amounts to about a 12 year supply. The idea that we are going to ramp up an entire natural gas fueling system for America's tractor-trailer trucks is an absurdity.

Ditto the notion that we are going to electrify the US auto fleet.

I don't know exactly where Kunstler get's his numbers, but they should be investigated.

My point is that good water years may be good, but their significance in terms of the overall economy and our sources of energy is relatively insignificant. If hydropower and other renewables in Idaho only supply 6.8% of our energy needs, long term energy strategy should be focussed on sources that can displace the other 93.2% of our energy supply.

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