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# Community Forest Provides Example of Wash. Carbon Fee's Potential

Chimacum, WA → The Chimacum Ridge on the Olympic Peninsula is providing an example of what investments in healthy forests under a carbon fee initiative (I-1631) on this year's ballot could look like. Comments from Sarah Spaeth ("spayth"), director of conservation and strategic partnerships, Jefferson Land Trust; James Schroeder, director of conservation, The Nature Conservancy in Washington; and Hilary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands.

Intro: Under the carbon fee initiative on the November ballot, part of the revenue collected from large carbon polluters would be directed toward creating healthy forests. The Olympic Peninsula's Chimacum Ridge is providing an example of what that investment could look like for local communities. Under Initiative 1631, 25 percent of funds collected would be invested in "clean water and healthy forests." Sarah Spaeth with Jefferson Land Trust says her group and other partners are going to buy the 850-acre Chimacum Ridge and create a community forest. She says it will be an example of how Washingtonians can manage forests to be healthy and resilient.

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#### Early Learning Access Crucial for Young Parents, Report Says

Seattle, WA A new report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation says access to programs that provide services such as early learning and child care are key for helping young parents succeed. According to the report, 62,000 children in Washington state have parents between the ages of 18 and 24. Comments from Allison Krutsinger (KRUHT-singer), early learning policy director, Children's Alliance in Washington state; Rosa Maria Castaneda (cast-tuh-NAY-da), senior associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation.

<u>Intro:</u> Parenting is an immense test for even the most financially secure Washingtonians, but the challenge can be even greater for young adults. A report out today (Tuesday) by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, called "Opening Doors for Young Parents," stresses the need for increased programs to support people between the ages of 18 and 24 who have children. Allison Krutsinger with the Children's Alliance says investing in early learning and child care are critical ways Washington state can help parents.

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### Conservation Groups: Make River Health Part of Columbia River Treaty Focus

Vancouver, WA As the United States and Canada continue negotiations on the Columbia River Treaty, the U.S. State Department holds a town-hall meeting on the treaty today (9/6). Conservation and tribal groups say the health of the river and fish and wildlife that depend on it should be a priority for negotiators. Comments from Greg Haller (hal rhymes with "al"), executive director, Pacific Rivers.

**Intro:** The U-S State Department is preparing for another round of negotiations with Canada on the

Columbia River Treaty with a town hall meeting today. Conservation and tribal groups want negotiators to take the river's health into account. The treaty focuses primarily on hydropower production and flood-risk management for cities along the Columbia. Greg Haller, who heads the group Pacific Rivers, says it's time to add "ecosystem-based function" to that list of priorities, and points to dismal salmon and steelhead returns as a sign of bad river health. He says this is what many Northwesterners want.

Cut 28238:17 "They expect their power to not kill salmon and drive them extinct, and we haven't achieved that yet. And that's what we want, and that's what we're representing as a conservation community working on this issue. And the treaty offers a way to right that wrong."

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#### Paraeducators Look for Recognition, Livable Wages as School Returns

Tacoma, WA →A low-paid group of educators known as paraeducators (or "paras") say it's time they received livable wages. Paras assist teachers in the classroom, often working with students with disabilities and in the special education department. Comments from Barbara Randall-Saleh ("suh-LEE"), president, Tacoma Federation of Paraeducators.

<u>Intro:</u> As kids in Washington state head back to school, an often-overlooked group of educators wants recognition for the work they do in the classroom. Paraeducators or "paras" assist teachers, helping students with disabilities and in special-education departments, as well as monitoring playgrounds and even changing diapers. But paras aren't paid much, sometimes relying on food banks for meals. So they, like other teachers striking across the state this week, feel it's time they're paid a living wage. Barbara Randall-Saleh heads the Tacoma Federation of Paraeducators and has been a para for more than 40 years.

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#### Wash. Air Quality Concerns Go Beyond Smoky Wildfire Season

Seattle, WA  $\triangle$ A new report finds some of Washington's cities experienced a month or more of polluted air days in 2016. Pollutants such as particulate matter and ground-level ozone can have serious health effects. Comments from Bruce Speight, director, Environment Washington.

Intro: Air quality could still be a problem even after Washingtonians get through this active wildfire season. According to a new analysis, some Washington cities experienced more than a month of polluted air in 2016 from sources such as wildfire smoke and car exhaust. The report "Trouble in the Air" found the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue metropolitan area home to nearly 4 million people experienced 26 days of bad air quality. Spokane had 51 bad air days and Yakima had 84. Bruce Speight, head of Environment Washington, says air pollutants, such ground-level ozone, can be detrimental to people's health.

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#### **Big Soda Giving Big Money to Prohibit Local Grocery Taxes**

Seattle, WA Big beverage companies have poured in about \$6 million to support a measure that would stop future taxes on soda and other grocery items levied by local governments. Opponents of the measure say taxes on soda can lower consumption and obesity rates. Comments from Victor Colman, director, Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition.

Intro: Big soda companies are all-in on a measure that would ban future soda taxes such as the one Seattle passed last year. Washingtonians will decide in November on Initiative 1634, which would prohibit local governments from imposing any new taxes on grocery items. Seattle's tax would be grandfathered in. Coca-Cola has contributed nearly three million dollars supporting the measure, Pepisco has contributed more than two million, and the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group has spent nearly one million. Victor Colman, head of Washington state's Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition, compares the beverage companies' tactics to those he saw while working to reform tobacco and alcohol policy.