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Digital Collection: The Climate Challenge Oral Histories



The Climate Challenge digital collection is a small but important oral history effort that presents 13 voices of Utah State University climate scientists (2018) and Northern Utah and Northern Idaho climate activists (2021). The goal of the effort is to document the experiences of these two groups in an attempt to add to the growing scholarship about the human side of climate scholarship and awareness efforts.

We often hear the data behind climate change science, but we rarely hear the voices of those who study it. In an attempt to learn more, six students interviewed members of the Utah State University scientific community to hear their perspectives about climate science. During the interviews, the scientists shared information about the changing climate, including how it affects communities. They also talked about what it is like to study and teach climate science and how individuals can prioritize certain actions in order to mitigate the effects of climate change.

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