

As a retired Army officer I am concerned about the effect that global warming is having on our military in conducting its primary mission of defense of our country. Droughts, food shortages and other human catastrophes require excessive military involvement. Melting arctic snow will require the US to patrol and defend new sea lanes. Rising tides threaten existing military bases along both our eastern and western coast. The impact of global warming increases the need for assistance in our homeland during floods, fires and other severe weather. In 2015 the pentagon indicated it may not have the force structure to provide assistance because of the increase in skirmishes from drought, refugee resettlement and rebellions.

As an Oregonian I am concerned about the fires in our forest, ocean acidification and the effects on our seafood industry. WE cannot fight this fight just in Oregon, global warming knows no borders. We need a national plan and our members of congress in Washington need encouragement from the states to take action on a bipartisan level.