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VIEWPOINT

Dave Wheelihan



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Big challenges ahead in 2008

This month in Rural Montana we continue our series that examine the issues surrounding climate change and what to do about it. The complexity and magnitude of the issue can be daunting so we are trying to get information to you that is understandable yet conveys the seriousness of the debate.

How we address climate change can fundamentally affect how we deliver electricity, how we use it, how we generate it, and how much the electricity will cost.

We feel it is the largest challenge we have faced in decades or perhaps in

the history of the program. That's why we will continue to look at the various aspects of the issue during the ongoing debate and give you information to help you decide what the best solution will be.

Also in this issue of Rural Montana you will find a feature on the upcoming candidate training school. The Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association has been teaming up with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Montana Credit Union Network and the Montana Chamber of Commerce for several years now in

providing this important training. Together we have provided training for hundreds of candidates running for many different offices and believe it is an important public service to encourage people to make a difference.

You'll want to check out our Washington, D.C., dateline question to see how our congressional delegation sees the future of clean coal.

And don't forget to take our energy IQ test. You can pit your knowledge of energy against our national polling results. As always, we hope you enjoy this month's Rural Montana.

Dave Wheelihan is CEO of the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

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