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Check blog site for data on climate

Greg Lennes' 7 Jun Letter shows us the notion of human-caused CO2-fueled global warming is a political scam, not a scientific issue. Science is about facts, measurements, observations and data; Lennes cites not a single fact, or a demonstrable measurement in his claim our use of fossil fuels

is, "a recipe for disaster..." Lennes' Letter is merely a vehicle for his intense distaste for President Trump and Representative Pearce.

If Lennes is so sure of this claim, why doesn't he cite data in his letter? For starters in looking at specifics, Lennes might look at my recent blog post, just to spin up on some real data. It destroys his "recipe for disaster" meme.

Looking at severe weather, for example, strong and greater tornadoes, you'll find as temperatures gently increased, the incidence of such tornadoes, EF3-EF5 decreased.

There is also data for hurricanes and tropical storms. There isn't much trend, if anything; "accumulated cyclone energy" from tropical storms and hurricanes seems to be decreasing, so no "man-made" signature here.

In the USA, it's been 139 months since a major hurricane struck the USA, longest since such records began, before the US Civil War.

Greg, if your figure of merit is sea level rise acceleration, you might first read and understand two of my posts on this subject.

The "Urban Heat Island" effect dominates surface temperature records at most stations, even those with seemingly suburban characteristics. I've measured Las Cruces' Urban Heat Island which is very repeatable, 3-4F; the equipment, methodology, and data are on our web site.

Greg, why not suggest to Walt Rubel an open debate on the subject, where the Sun-News could act as moderator? You go first and show your "recipe for disaster" evidence.

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