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Help Wanted Report: 12,000 New Jobs for West Virginia

Charleston, WV – The lure is new jobs with a “cure” for climate change pollution and a broken economy. A new report from the University of Massachusetts documents how investing in a “green” economy would create more than 12,000 good-paying jobs in West Virginia, and bring benefits to taxpayers, as well as the environment. Comments from Cathy Duvall with the Sierra Club.

Intro: More than 12 thousand good-paying jobs for West Virginia. A new report from the University of Massachusetts documents how investing in a “green” economy nationally would play out locally. The study sets up a 100 billion dollar investment scenario, with most of the money coming from climate change pollution cap-and-trade investments. Cathy Duvall with the Sierra Club says the time is right for investing in “green” as an economic stimulus.

:10 *"This report really demonstrates that the solutions to these serious problems – climate change and a struggling economy – are both intertwined and within our grasp."*

Tag: The study shows jobs created would include steelworkers, machinists, roofers and accountants. Report critics say the numbers are "overly optimistic" and wouldn't meet the growing energy demand.

Second Cut: Duvall says doing the same things on energy and economic policies aren't going to reverse the current situation, and a whole new approach would benefit working families.

:11 *"Addressing our country's energy crisis and the high cost of oil, we can create manufacturing and other jobs to replace some of the more than 600,000 jobs lost in this last year alone."*

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LEDE: More than 37 thousand good-paying jobs for West Virginia. A new report from the University of Massachusetts documents how investing in a “green” economy nationally would play out locally. Deborah Smith reports.

:32 *Outcue...Deborah Smith, reporting*

Note to Editors: The report was written by the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and commissioned by the Center for American Progress. The full report is at www.peri.umass.edu/green_recovery/