

# Official: Trump wants to slash EPA workforce, budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former head of President Donald Trump's transition team at the Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday he expects the new administration to seek significant budget and staff cuts.

Myron Ebell said in an interview with The Associated Press that Trump is likely to seek significant reductions to the agency's workforce — currently about 15,000 employees nationwide. Ebell, who left the transition team last week, declined to discuss specific numbers of EPA staff that could be targeted for pink slips.

Asked what he would personally like to see, however, Ebell said slashing the agency's size by about half would be a good start.

"Let's aim for half and see how it works out, and then maybe we'll want to go further," said Ebell, who has returned to his position as director of the Center for Energy and Environment at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

The conservative think tank in Washington opposes "glob-

al-warming alarmism" and receives a portion of its funding from corporations and individuals that profit from the continued burning of fossil fuels. Ebell has long been a vocal critic of federal environmental regulations, which he claims are strangling the nation's economy and impeding job growth.

Though he kept specific recommendations he made to the White House confidential, Ebell suggested it was reasonable to expect the president to seek a cut of about \$1 billion from the EPA's roughly \$8 billion annual budget.

About half the EPA's budget passes through to state and local governments for infrastructure projects and environmental cleanup efforts that Ebell said Trump supports. He said the cuts would likely fall on the remaining half the agency's budget, which pays for agency operations and environmental enforcement.

"President Trump said during the campaign that he would like to abolish the EPA, or 'leave a little bit,'" Ebell said. "I think the admin-

istration is likely to start proposing cuts to the 15,000 staff, because the fact is that a huge amount of the work of the EPA is actually done by state agencies. It's not clear why so many employees are needed at the federal level."

EPA has been roiled by turmoil during its first week under Trump, as members of the transition team issued what it has described as a temporary freeze on all contract approvals and grant awards. Trump's representatives also instituted a media blackout, clamping down on media releases, social media posts and other external communications issued by career staff.

AP reported Wednesday that Trump's political appointees have been scrutinizing reports and data published on the agency's websites for potential removal, especially details of scientific evidence showing that the Earth's climate is warming and man-made carbon emissions are to blame.

Ebell said Tuesday the purge is necessary because EPA's leaders under President Barack Obama

"politicized" global warming and allowed activists within the agency to publish "junk science."

"Undoubtedly the federal government has been staffed with scientists who believe the global-warming alarmist agenda," said Ebell, whose academic credentials are in philosophy and political theory.

Asked about Ebell's comments, former Republican EPA Administrator William K. Reilly cautioned calm, saying that often transition teams have little to do with what eventually happens in an agency.

"I would tell the EPA staff that, in my experience, transition teams often have zero influence," said Reilly, who ran the environmental agency under Republican President George H.W. Bush. "They shouldn't be taken that seriously. They're just ideologues. They don't work for and are not even known to the incoming cabinet."

Trump's nominee for EPA administrator, Scott Pruitt, said during his Senate confirmation hearing last week that he disagreed with past statements by the president alleging

that global warming is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese to harm U.S. economic competitiveness. But like Trump, Pruitt has a long history of publicly questioning the validity of climate science and has pledged to dismantle Obama-era regulations aimed at curbing carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants.

Earlier this month, NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued a joint statement affirming that 2016 was officially the hottest year in recorded history, breaking prior records set in 2015 and 2014. Studies show the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets have decreased in mass, while the world's oceans have risen on average nearly 7 inches in the last century.

"Many studies have shown just how strong that level of consensus in the scientific community is that climate change is happening, it's caused by humans and the impacts will be significant," said Keith Seitter, the head of the American Meteorological Society who has a doctorate in geophysics. "It's not junk science."

## PARENTS TALK BACK

# Why one mother marched with her daughter

Ten-year-old Lucia del Pilar interrupted the audiobook she and her mother listened to as they cruised across the country in a hybrid Highlander. The car speakers played Gail Collins' book, "America's Women: 400 years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates and Heroines," which tells the stories of the women who have shaped our nation.



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bringing her young daughter. Del Pilar wanted to impart a simple message to her daughter: "It's time when we need to show that we are going to stand up for what we believe in." Lucia made her own signs. One said, "I refuse to be silent."

Lucia spoke up when she heard Anne Hutchinson's name. She had learned about Hutchinson in her fifth-grade classroom.

"When we were talking about the colonies, she was in the workbook," Lucia said. "She was one of the only women on the list." Hutchinson was an outspoken leader and midwife who challenged the established New England Puritan patriarchy. She was tried, convicted and banished from the colony for her religious dissent.

It was fitting car talk for a mother and daughter participating in their first march, a female-led protest against the new president of the United States. Jessica del Pilar, 38, of Clayton, Missouri, took her daughter out of school for two days to travel to the nation's capital for the Women's March on Washington.

Crowd counts estimate 500,000 people marched in D.C. — more than triple the estimated attendance of the inauguration itself. Nationally, it is said to have been the largest protest in American history, with political scientists estimating between 3.3 to 4.8 million people participating in towns throughout the country.

But del Pilar had no idea how it would turn out when she decided to drive 800 miles to D.C. with her daughter. During the election cycle, she said, every issue felt polarized to such an extreme. After Donald Trump won and del Pilar saw the reports of violence by some of his supporters, she wanted to do something. His cabinet appointments only affirmed her resolve.

"I think it's very important for people to understand (that) his supporters don't represent the whole country," she said. "I don't want to be complacent in this moment. I don't want to pull back or hide or just be hopeful that everything will be OK."

Having grown up in Denver and lived in D.C., she also felt a little isolated, away from family — a transplant from blue cities to a red Midwestern state. They made plans to meet up for the march with del Pilar's sister and aunt, along with a friend traveling from California, who was also

On the day of the march, they headed to the Metro station at 8 a.m. It was full of people, and their train only became more packed at each stop. They were letting people out in waves. The attendant had a bullhorn and was chanting, as well.

"It was so positive," del Pilar said. She and her daughter met the rest of their group and found a space near the stage. The crowd around them swelled. Neither had ever been in a crowd so large before. She watched her daughter listen to speakers like Madonna, Ashley Judd and Gloria Steinem talk about women's rights and equality. There were times the entire crowd was dancing, and times they were pushed together by the crush of people.

A little before 3 p.m., they started marching toward the White House. When some marchers chanted, "What does America look like?" others responded, "This is what America looks like!"

Lucia was taking it all in. Del Pilar's husband texted her while they marched, "I'm so glad you are there."

She said that if she'd been looking for a larger community that shared her values of liberty and justice for all, she rediscovered it that day. That evening, they huddled around the table, amazed at the aerial images of marches from around the country.

On the drive home to Missouri, she and Lucia listened to Ta-Nehisi Coates' "Between the World and Me," a personal and political history of race in this country written as a series of letters to his teenage son.

They are still processing the events of the weekend. The march was the beginning of the story for them — a renewed start of political engagement; a source of inspiration that will continue to push them forward.

Participating in it was like reading the introduction to an epic anthology, del Pilar said. Until you read the entire book, you don't truly understand it.

"This thing has yet to be written," she said.

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## Friday Morning

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day Spokane			Paid	Into Wild	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily (N)		
FOX	KPTV	3 Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club		Rachael Ray (N)		
CBS	19 KEPR	2 News	News	CBS This Morning (N)			Harry (N)		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless		
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.	CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless		
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Wake Up Northwest	Today Show	Drew Barrymore, Timothy Olyphant			Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million? Million?		
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at Sunrise	Today Show	Drew Barrymore, Timothy Olyphant			Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today		
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America			Live! With Kelly		The View		Paid	Middle	
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News Morning	Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live! With Kelly		
PBS	31 KTNW	Stretch	W.L. Yoga	SplashB.	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	Peg + Cat	D.Tiger	Thomas	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	SplashB.	Sit and Fit
PBS	59 OPB	13 Stretch	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	C. George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperWI	Thomas

## AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30		
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		2 1/2 Men	Mike & M.	Last Man	Last Man		
FOX	KPTV	3 12 O'Clock News	Wendy Williams			Paid	Y. Icons	A.Athlete	Missing	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News		
CBS	19 KEPR	2 NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)			Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News	
CBS	KOIN	19 News	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)			The Doctors (N)		Dr. Phil	KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News	
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Give	Paid	Days of Our Lives			Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Wendy Williams	Ellen DeGeneres		News	NBC News	
NBC	KGW	8 KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives			T.D. Jakes		Ellen DeGeneres	KGW News		KGW News	TBA	
ABC	42 KVEW	4 The Chew		General Hospital			The Doctors (N)		Rachael Ray (N)	Minute	Minute	News	News	
ABC	KATU	5 The Chew		General Hospital			Harry (N)		Afternoon Live	KATU News @ 4		News	News	
PBS	31 KTNW	Charlie Rose		Ming	Quilt Day	Stretch	C.George	Speaks	WordGirl	Arthur	Odd Squad	Biz Kid\$	Business	
PBS	59 OPB	13 Paint This	Mexican	Charlie Rose (N)			Nature Cat	Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts

## EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Modern Family "Not in My House"	Modern Family "Fifteen Percent"	2 Broke G. "And the Move-in Meltdown"	2 Broke Girls "And the Soft Opening"	Rosewood "Puffer Fish and Personal History" (N)	Sleepy Hollow "The People vs. Ichabod Crane" (N)		FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Broad Channel"		:35 Anger M. "Charlie and the Hooker"
FOX	KPTV	3 6 O'Clock News	Family Feud	Family Feud		Rosewood (N)	Sleepy "The People vs. Ichabod Crane" (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "Let's Go Fly a Coot"	MacGyver "Chisel"			Blue Bloods "The Greater Good"		Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 S. Colbert Matthew Broderick
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN Local 6 at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "Chisel"	Hawaii Five-0 "Hoi'ine"		Blue Bloods "The Greater Good"		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grimm "El Cuegle" (N)	Emerald City "Everybody Lies" (N)		Dateline NBC		Local News	:35 The Tonight Show
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	NBC News	Grimm "El Cuegle" (N)	Emerald City "Everybody Lies" (N)		Dateline NBC		KGW News	:35 Tonight at 11
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Last Man Standing "The Fixer" (N)	Dr. Ken (N)	Shark Tank (N)	20/20		Local News at 11 :05 Jimmy Kimmel Live	
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man St. (N)	Dr. Ken (N)	Shark Tank (N)	20/20		KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	31 KTNW		PBS NewsHour	BBC World News	Natural Health	Washington Week (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	Great Performances			American Masters "Loretta Lynn"	
PBS	59 OPB	13 Travelscope	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Washington Week (N)	Stevens' Europe	A Place to Call Home	:45 Place Call Home	Hollywood Idols	Masterpiece Classic "Victoria: Brocket Hall"	

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
A&E	52	The First 48		The First 48 "The Invitation"		Misfort. "Fatal Pickup/ Bad Neighbor" (N)		Live PD (N)						
AMC	60	*** Con Air '97, Act) Nicolas Cage.		*** The Departed State Police and the Irish Mafia, two men go undercover to get evidence.		(06, Thril) Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio. Working for the Mafia, two men go undercover to get evidence.		*** Titanic '97, Dra) Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio.						
ANPL	24	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Puppy Bowl		Treehouse Masters (N)		Treehouse Masters		
CMT	43	*** Smokey and the Bandit		*** Smokey and the Bandit II		(80, Com) Burt Reynolds.		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
CNBC	72	Celebrity Apprentice		Candy for a Billionaire		Boss "Cinnamon, Inc."		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Paid	Paid	
CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		The Messy Truth		This Is Life		This Is Life		
DISC	51	Rush "Abandonment"		Gold Rush "Lifeline"		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush (N)		The Wheel (N)		Gold Rush		
DISN	26	Girl World Bizaard.		Underc.		Good Luck StuckMid		*** Tooth Fairy		StuckMid	StuckMid	Jessie	Jessie	
ESPN	33	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Chicago Bulls Site: United Center (L)		Winter X Games Aspen 2017 Site: Buttermilk Mountain -- Aspen, Colo. (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	NCAA Basketball Dayton vs VCU (L)				SportsCenter		SportsC.		J & J		30 for 30 "The '85 Bears"		
FNC	66	Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		
FOOD	61	Guy's Grocery Games		Diners		Diners		Food (N)		Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Diners, Drive-Ins		
FREE	32	*** Love and Basketball		Sanaa Lathan.		*** The Blind Side		(09, Spt) Tim McGraw, Sandra Bullock.		The 700 Club				
FX	65	*** The Purge		*** The Amazing Spider-Man 2		(14, Act) Emma Stone, Andrew Garfield.		*** The Amazing Spider-Man 2						
GOLF	68	PGA Golf Farmers Insurance Open Site: Torrey Pines Golf Club				PGA Golf Farmers Insurance Open Site: Torrey Pines Golf Club								
GSN	76	Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud		MindMan	MindMan	MindMan	MindMan	
HALL	87	Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Home Imp		Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	
HGTV	62	H.Hunt		H.Hunt		H.Hunt		DreamHom		DreamHom		H.Hunt (N)	H.Hunt	
HIST	50	American Pickers "Alien vs. Picker"		American Pickers "The Bundle Brothers"		American Pickers "The Numbers Game"		American Pickers "Concrete Jungle"		:05 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers "Rocket Man"		
LIFE	29	The Rap Game		Bring It!		Bring It! (N)		Bring It! (N)		The Rap Game (N)		:05 The Rap Game		
NICK	27	H.Danger		H.Danger		Paradise		Thunder		Henry Danger		Full House	Full House	
ROOT	37	NCAA Basketball		NCAA Basketball Oregon vs. Utah				NCAA Basketball Portland at Pepperdine Site: Firestone Fieldhouse -- Malibu, Calif.		NCAA Basketball San Diego at Gonzaga				
SPIKE	42	Cops		Cops		Cops		Cops "In Arizona"		Cops		Bellator MMA		
SYFY	67	*** Resident Evil: Ap...		*** Resident Evil: Retribution				*** Resident Evil: Afterlife		Milla Jovovich.		Inc. "Burning Platform"		
TBS	59	Seinfeld "The Rye"		Seinf. "The Caddy"		Seinfeld "The Seven"		Seinfeld		*** Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief A teenager must find & return Zeus's lightning bolt.		*** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (13, Adv) Logan Lerman.		
TCM	56	*** The Unsinkable Molly Brown '64, Mus) Debbie Reynolds.		*** The Mating Game (1959, Romance) Tony Randall, Paul Douglas, Debbie Reynolds.		*** The Catered Affair '56, Dra) Debbie Reynolds, Bette Davis.		:15 *** The Singing Nun Debbie Reynolds.						
TLC	49	Yes Dress		Yes Dress		Paranormal Lockdown		Paranormal Lockdown		Paranormal Lockdown (N)		:05 Paranormal Lock.		
TNT	57	Castle "Deep Cover"		Castle "Dressed to Kill"		*** The Da Vinci Code '06, Dra) Audrey Tautou, Tom Hanks.		*** The Taking of Pelh...						
UNI	21	Includo		Noticiero		La rosa de Guadalupe		Despertar contigo		Vino el amor		El Hotel Secretos	Impacto	Noticie.
USA	58	Modern		Modern		Modern		Modern		Modern		Modern	Modern	
WEA	118	Boot Camp: Real! (N)		Marriage Boot Camp		Marriage Boot Camp		Marriage Boot Camp		Marriage Boot Camp		Marriage Boot Camp	L.A. Hair	
WGN		*** Get Smart '08, Com) Anne Hathaway, Steve Carell.		*** Get Smart '08, Com) Anne Hathaway, Steve Carell.		*** Get Smart '08, Com) Anne Hathaway, Steve Carell.		*** Get Smart '08, Com) Anne Hathaway, Steve Carell.		*** Get Smart '08, Com) Anne Hathaway, Steve Carell.		Mother	Mother	
STZ ENC	644	*** The Fifth Element		:25 Texas		:10 Texas Rising		Black Sails "XXVII"		Black Sails		:50 *** I, Robot Will Smith.		
HBO	518	Bright Lights		Vice News		*** The Big Lebowski		Jeff Bridges.		Bill Maher (N)		The Young Pope		
HBO2	520	Movie		*** Bride Wars		Kate Hudson.		*** Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice		Ben Affleck.		Movie		
HBO3	521	Pope		:45 *** Dead Poets Society '89, Dra) Robin Williams.		*** The Cell '00, Psy) Jennifer Lopez.		*** The Boss						
MAX	549	*** Shoot 'Em Up		:10 *** The Good Shepherd '06, Psy) Angelina Jolie, Matt Damon.		*** The Bourne Ultimatum		Julia Stiles.						
SHOW	578	:15 The Affair		:15 *** Everything Must Go		Will Ferrell.		*** Bridge of Spies '15, Thril) Mark Rylance, Tom Hanks.				Homeland		
STARZ	621	*** Money Monster		:05 *** Pineapple Express		Seth Rogen.		War of the Damned		Spartacus "Victory"		*** Gangs of New York		

## NIGHT OWL

STATION	12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	2 AM	2:30	3 AM	3:30	4 AM	4:30	5 AM	5:30	
FOX	11 KFFX	11 :05 Friends	:35 Hot In	:05 CR TV								CRTV	
FOX	KPTV	3 2 Broke G.	TMZ	Dish	Queens	Raising	Celeb	Paid	Paid	CARS.TV	Paid	Paid	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 S. Colbert	:35 James Corden	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 Spaces	:35 Paid	:05 Traveler	:35 Paid	Morning Saturday (N)		
CBS	KOIN	19 S. Colbert	:35 James Corden	:35 Insider	:05 Paid	OurWorld		Paid		CBS This Morning Saturday (N)			
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly	:05 Today Show	Mad Money		1st Look	Fam. Feud	Saturday Today (N)			
NBC	KGW	8 Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly	:05 Steve Harvey	Mad Money		1st Look	Paid	Paid	Paid		
ABC	42 KVEW	4 :05 Nightl.	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	Paid		Ironside		77 Sunset Strip		Gom. Pyle	Gom. Pyle
ABC	KATU	5 J. Kimmel	:35 Nightl.	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	DestinTV	Paid	Paid	