Residential Wood Burning A Montana Case Study

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 Western mountain valleys are often subject to elevated concentrations of PM2.5.

- Elevated PM2.5 concentrations often exceed and/or violate the primary health-based NAAQS for PM2.5.
 - State/Local programs and various regulatory strategies have been employed to address these issues.
- This case study will evaluate four local program strategies to demonstrate the need for clean residential wood heating devices.

Three pronged approach (E³)

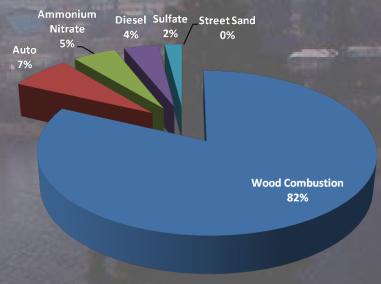
- Education/outreach
 - Cutting deadwood
 - Stacking/drying
 - Burning techniques
- Enforcement Episodic Control/Regulation
 - Local episodic control programs Restrictions
 - State
- Engineering/Technical Devices
 - Clean wood burning devices

Lincoln Co. - Libby

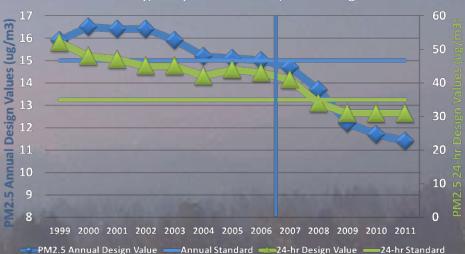
• Small mountain valley town

- Ideal topography for temperature inversions
- No natural gas available
- Culture of wood burning
- Abundant fuel source
- Low income

Lincoln County/Libby CMB 2003/04

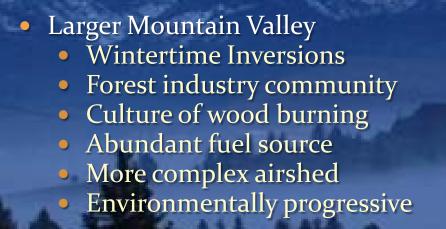


Lincoln County/Libby PM2.5 Annual/24-hr Design Values

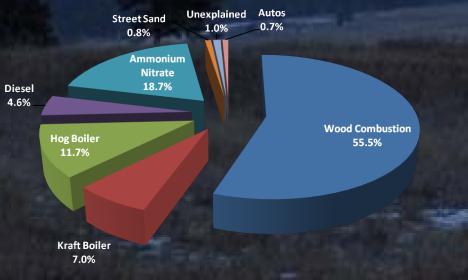


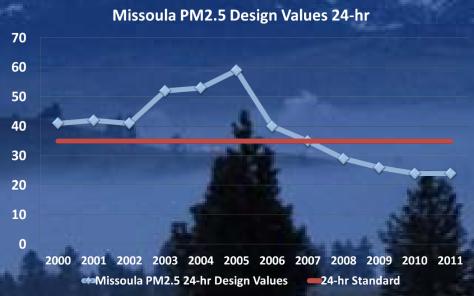
- Woodstove change out
 - \$2.7 Million to completely change out 1,130 wood stoves
 - HPBA, EPA, Lincoln Co., MT DEQ
- Clean wood stoves and an episodic control plan worked!
- Compliance with annual and 24-hr PM2.5 NAAQS

Missoula Co. - Missoula



Missoula County/Missoula CMB Winter 2006/07





Regulatory Framework

- Only Pellet Stoves with less than 1.0 g/hr emissions can be installed (no wood stoves)
- Home ownership changes requires removal of older stoves
- No Funded change out program
- Cleaner or fewer wood stoves and an episodic control plan worked!
- Compliance with the annual and 24-hr PM2.5 NAAQS

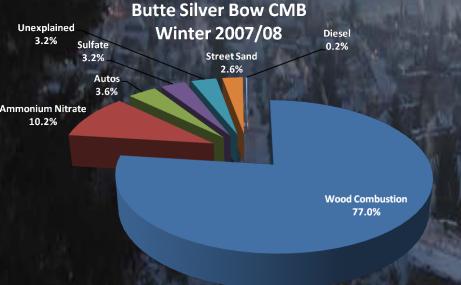
Silver Bow Co. - Butte

Mountain Valley

- Wintertime inversions
- Culture of wood burning
- Abundant fuel source
- Complex airshed







Regulatory Framework

- Local control program in process (early 2013).
 - Episodic control
 - Only EPA certified stoves may be installed in new or remodeled homes
- No funded change out program

Monitor indicating violation of the 24-hr PM2.5 NAAQS

Lewis and Clark Co. - Helena

Large Mountain Valley
Wintertime inversions
Culture of wood burning
Abundant fuel source
Complex airshed



Regulatory Framework

Episodic control

No funded change out

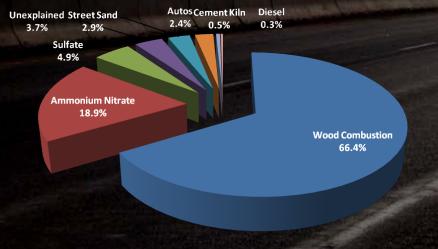
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program

New local control program

Lewis and Clark County/Helena CMB Winter 2007/08



Summary

Demonstrated that cleaner wood stoves are part of the solution.

• Education, Enforcement, Engineering

 Clean Air Act (section 111) provides the mechanism needed to lessen impacts from this type of behavior.

Strong Residential Wood Burning Device NSPS
 Drive manufacturers' to create cleaner burning devices.

Questions???

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