

Welcome and Introduction: A State in a Tight Spot



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Forest Health

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Stories, such as this one from Monday, are occurring more frequently as evidence of the epidemic becomes more apparent.

Report: Beetles on track to kill lodgepole forests in 3-5 years

By Howard Pankratz The Denver Post

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Lodgepole pines turn a reddish color after the pine bark beetle killed many of the trees near Granby. (THE DENVER POST | RJ SANGOSTI)

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Forest Health (4-Aug-2007)

Enviromentalists Get Antsy Over Pine Beetle Surge

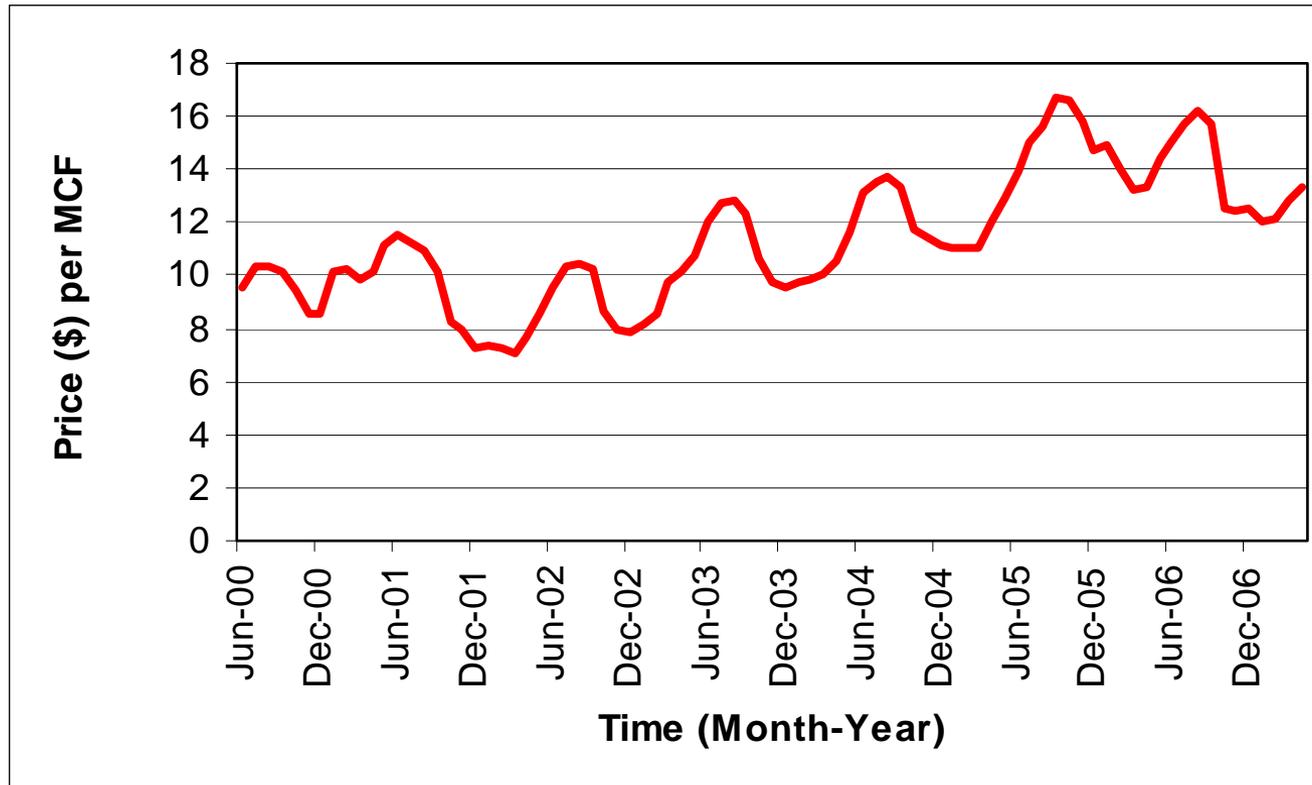
By Steven K. Paulson, Associated Press Writer

FRISCO, Colo. (AP) — Firefighters in the mountain resort town of Frisco love to tell the story of the couple from Texas who wanted to know where they could buy one of those beautiful red evergreens that surround Lake Dillon.

They offered the couple a chain saw and told them to take as many as they wanted. The trees aren't red, they're dead.

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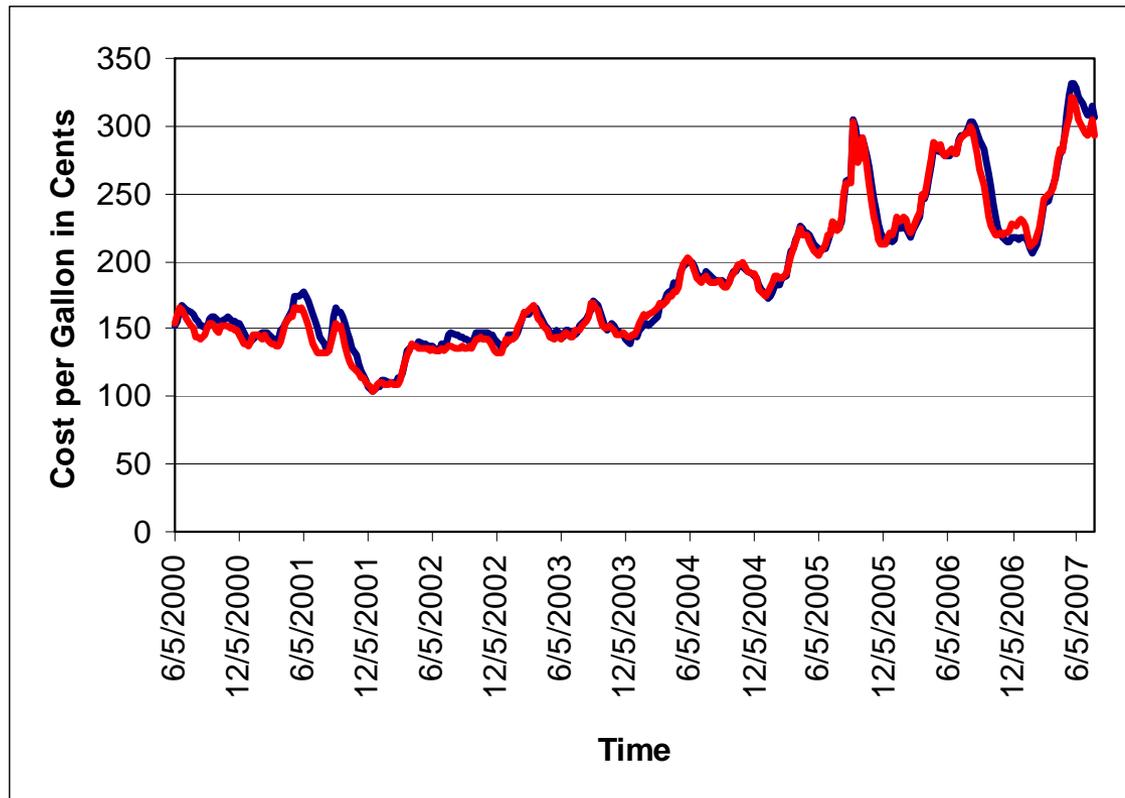
Energy Trends



Graph showing real retail prices for residential natural gas (per thousand cubic feet) from June 2000 to April 2007.

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Graph showing real retail prices for regular gasoline for both Colorado (blue) and the U.S. (red) from June 2000 to June 2007.

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According to the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, approximately one out of every five families is living below the Self-Sufficiency Standard and Federal Poverty Level in 2000. Rising energy costs force families to decide between necessities.

Table 2
County Households by the Self-Sufficiency Standard
and Federal Poverty Level: Colorado 2000

	Total	Percent of Households	Below Self-Sufficiency Standard			Above Self-Sufficiency Standard
			Below Standard and Below Poverty	Below Standard and Above Poverty	Total Below Standard	
			Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Total Households	1,234,029	100	7	13	20	80