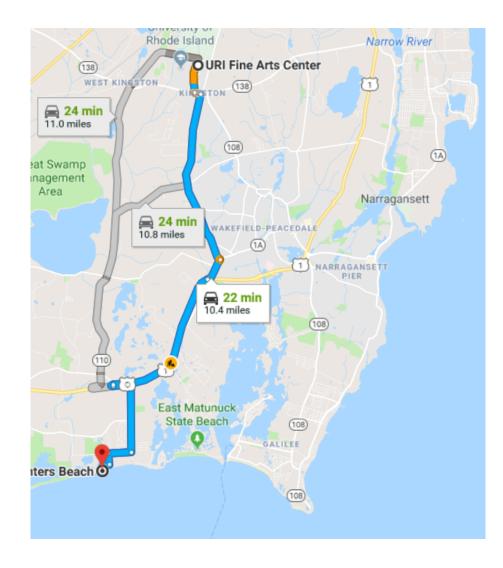
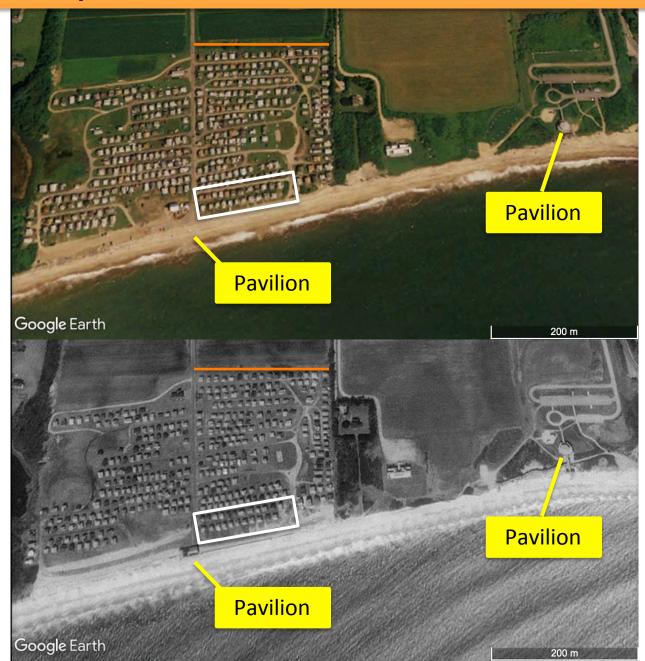
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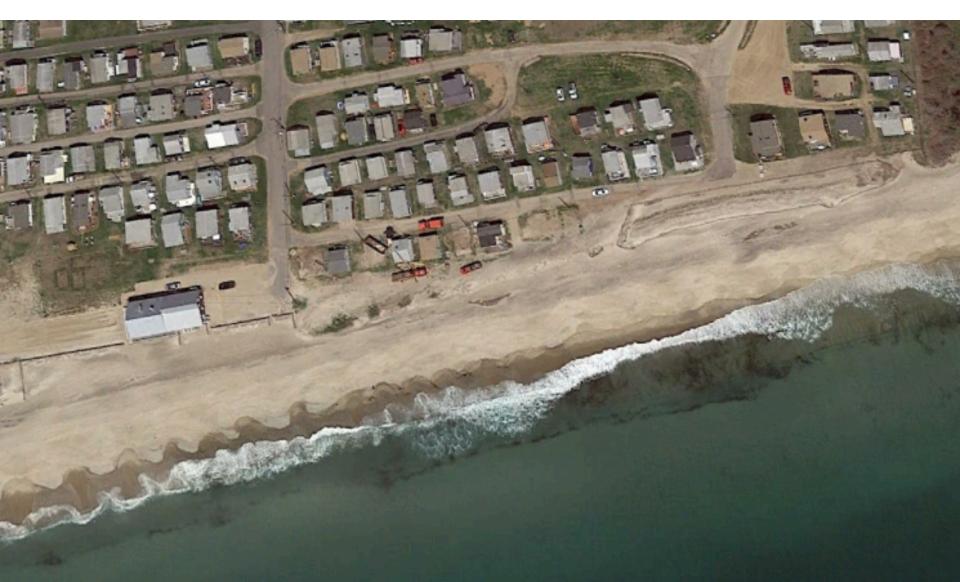


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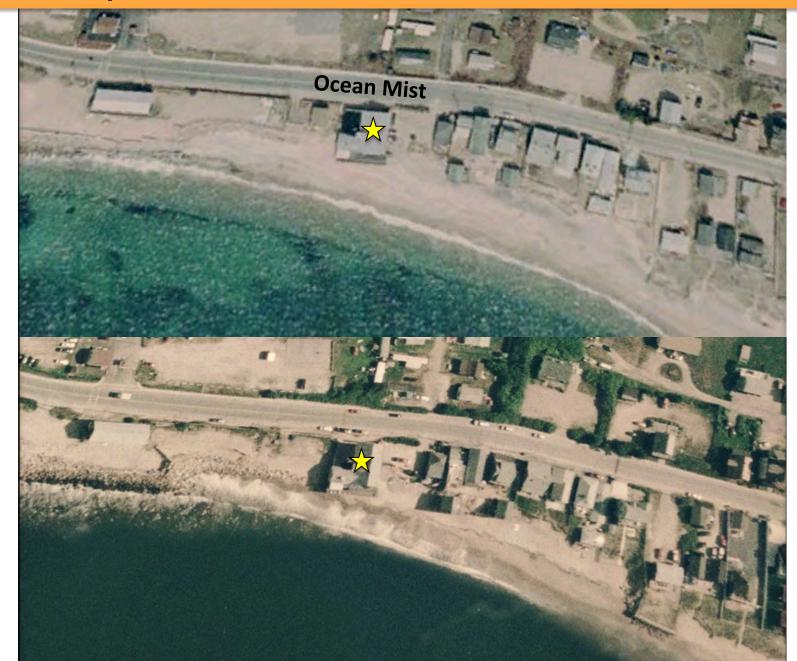
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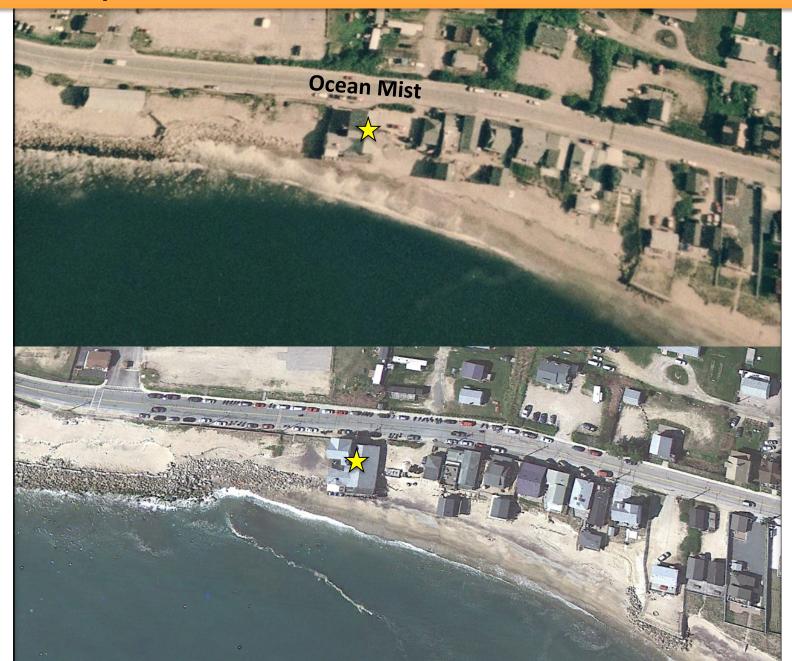


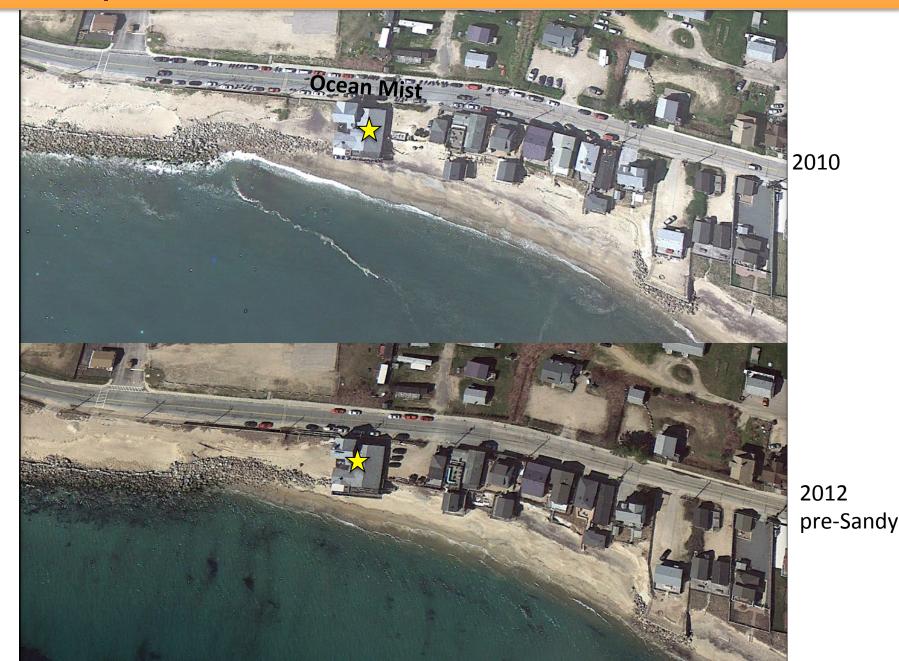


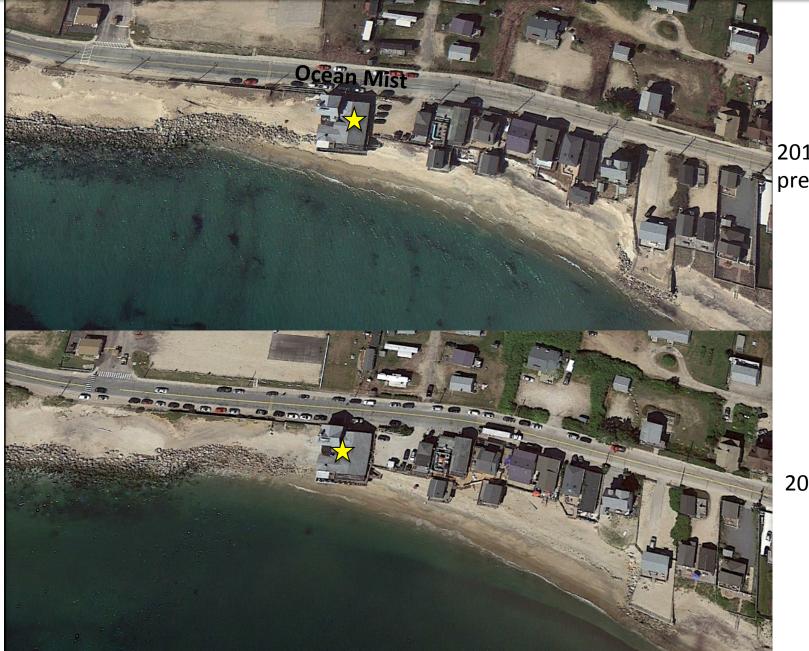




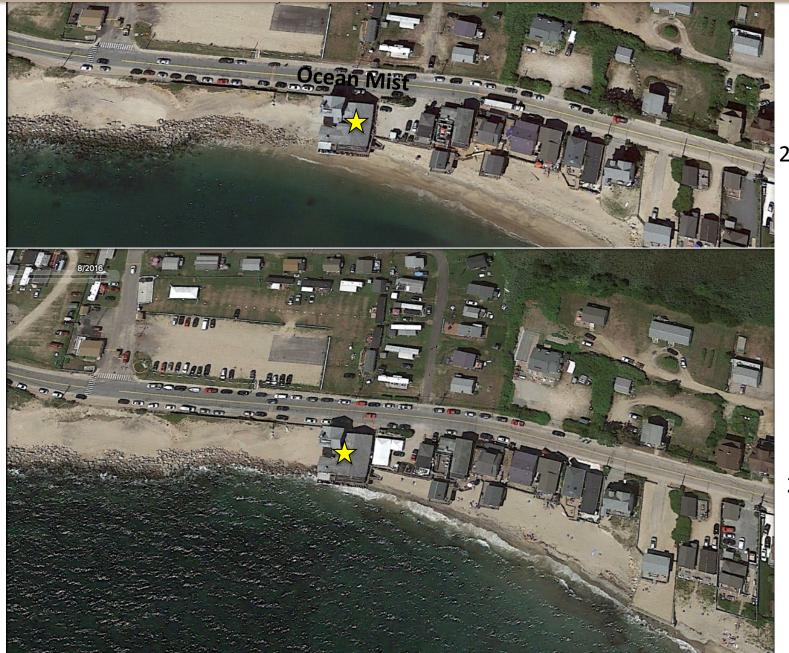






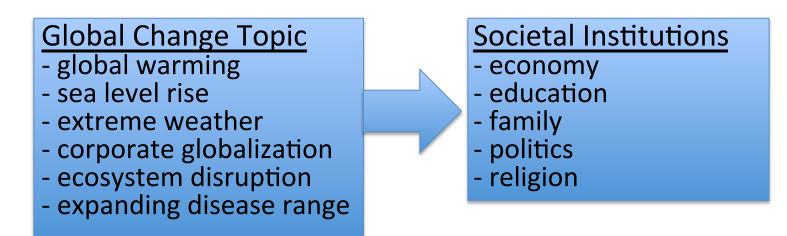


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### 1) Uninformed

- never heard of it before

### 2) Hear-Say

- information from parents, friends, media?

### 3) Initial Fact Checking

 check source of information without regard to quality of reference

### 4) Advanced Fact Checking

- use high-quality references or collect data

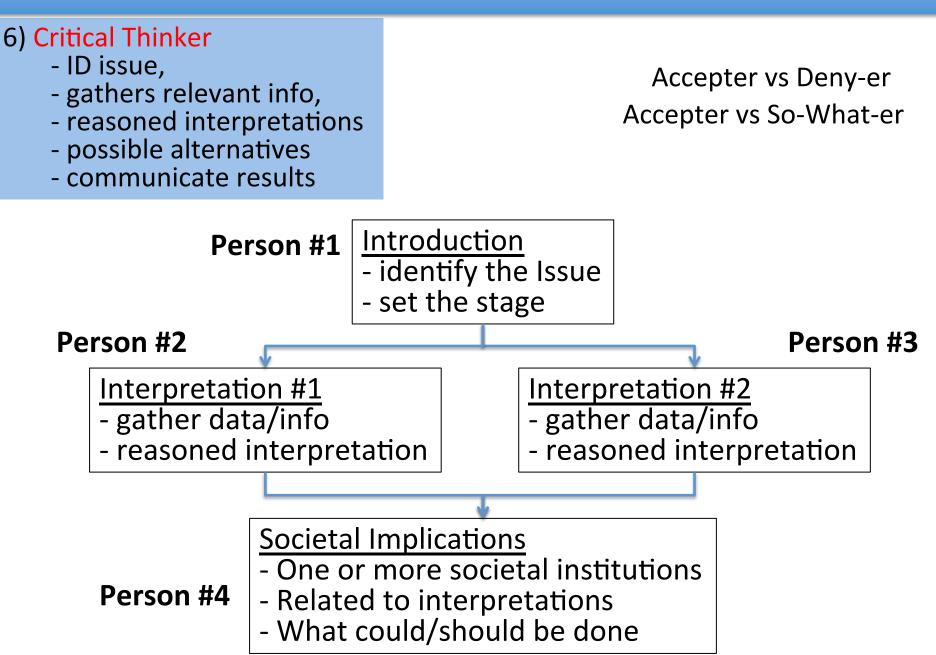
### 5) Discrimination

- able to ID good and bad arguments
- see alternative interpretations

### 6) Critical Thinker

- ID issue,
- gathers relevant info,
- reasoned interpretations
- possible alternatives
- communicate results

### **Group Projects**



Content	Did the presentation provide useful information? Were appropriate graphics/data used and referenced?
3	Presentation had significant useful information and appropriate graphics/references.
2	Presentation had modest useful information and/or appropriate graphics/references.
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3	The presentation was well organized and followed proposed format
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Contribution	How much did each partner contribute to the group project	You	Name	Name	Name
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3	Above Expectations – Did most of the work				
2	Met Expectations – Did their fair share				
1	Below Expectations - Slacker				

### **Group Projects**

### Story Board

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Background Info	Supporting Data	Supporting Data	Societal Implications
5 W's	Interpretation	Interpretation	Mitigation Options
Interpretations	Strength/weakness	Strength/weakness	What to do?

#### **Cause of Global Warming**

#### Temps rising

- where => globally
- when => since XXXX
- how much => X°C
- why GHG, sunspots

#### Interpretation

- not rising (faulty data)
- rising (natural)
- rising (GHG & man)

Not Rising

Supporting Data

- errors in data collection
- data fudging

#### **Rising & Natural**

Supporting Data

 correlation w/ natural cycles

#### **Rising & Human**

Supporting Data

- CO2 & Temp correlation

Summarize Arguments

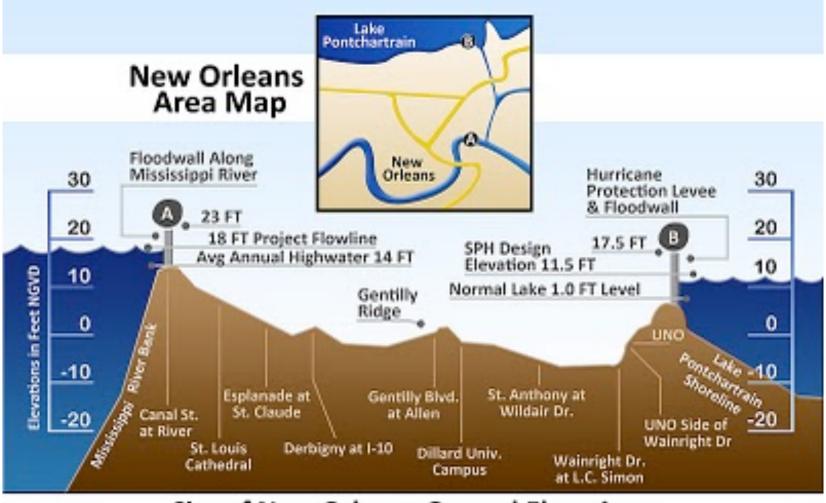
- key parts of arguments
- select an interpretation

Societal Implications

 economic, political (people avoid him)

#### **Mitigation Options**

- curb fossil fuels (\$\$)
- green energies (\$)



#### City of New Orleans Ground Elevations

From Canal St. at the Mississippi River to the Lakefront at U.N.O.

### **Group Projects**

### Story Board – New Orleans

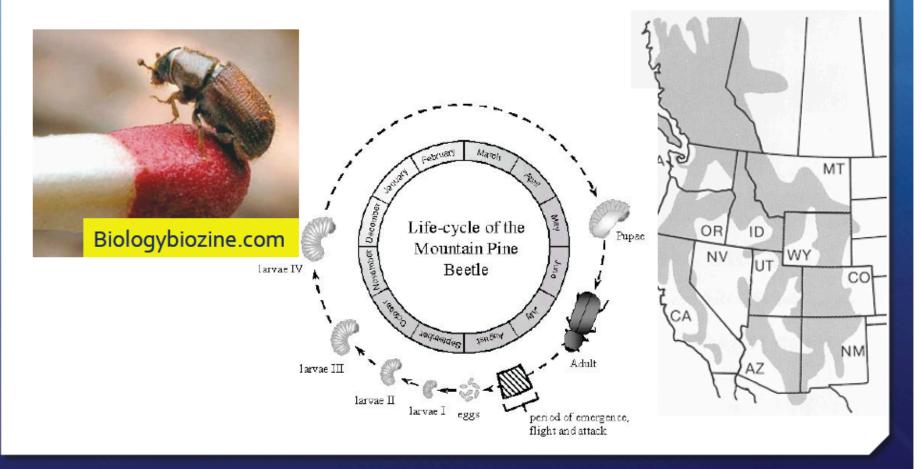
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# **Mountain Pine Beetle Infestations**

GCH103 Final Project Robert A. Pockalny

# **IDENTIFY THE ISSUE** Mountain Pine Beetle - Overview

#### + What are mountain pine beetles?



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+ What are mountain pine beetles?
+ What damage do they do?

#### Lodgepole Pine Ponderosa Pine







www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov

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- + What are mountain pine beetles?
- + What damage do they do?
- + Extent of infestation.

Safranyik, et al, 2010 The Canadian Entomologist

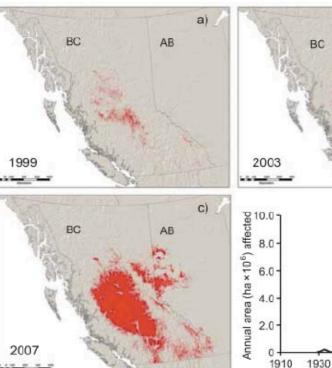
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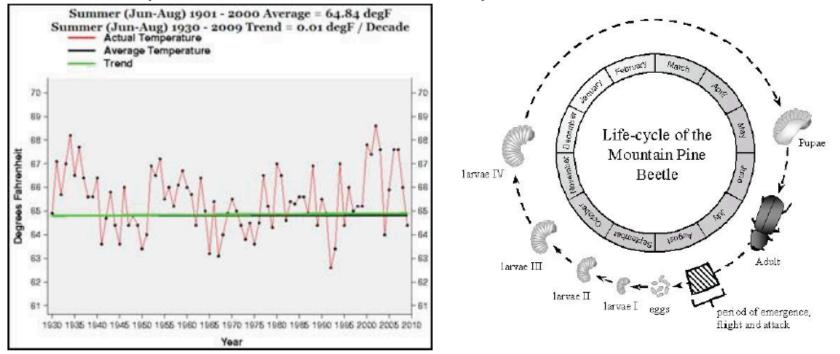
### MPB Infestation Expansion - Causes

#### + Potential Causes & Supporting Information

- + Climate Change => multiple life cycles, extended range
- Natural variability & cycles (e.g., Cicadas)
- + Forest Service Protocols (e.g., controlling forest fires)

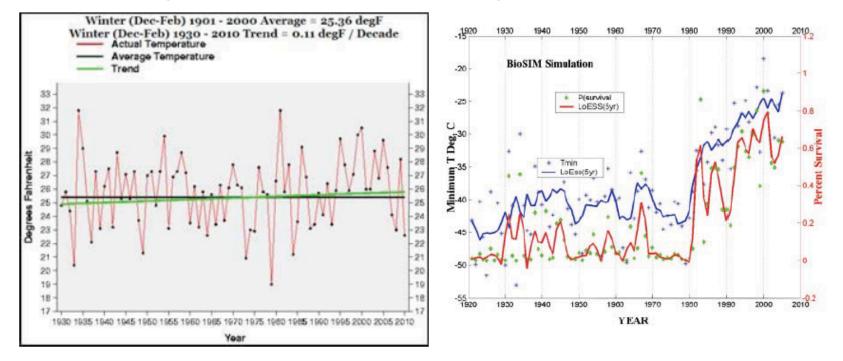
### INTERPRETATION #1 MPB Infestation Expansion - Climate

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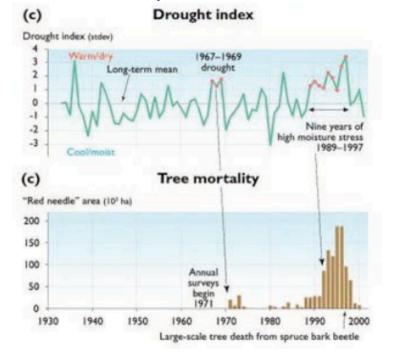
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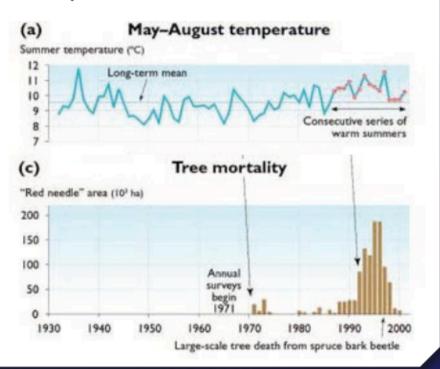


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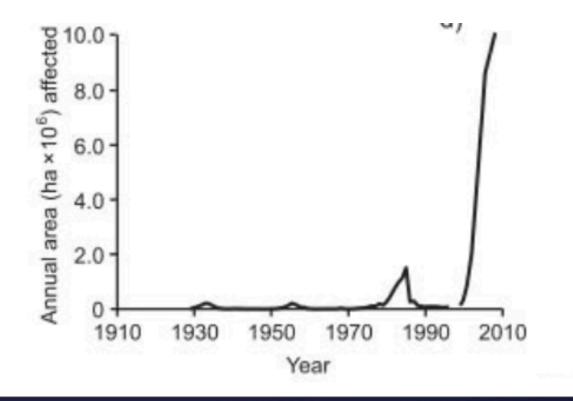
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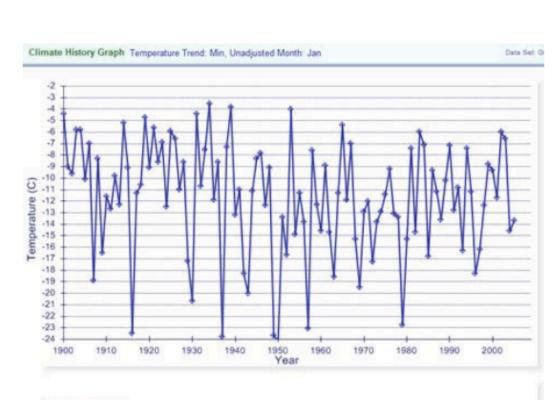


## **INTERPRETATION #2** MPB Infestation Expansion – Natural Cycles

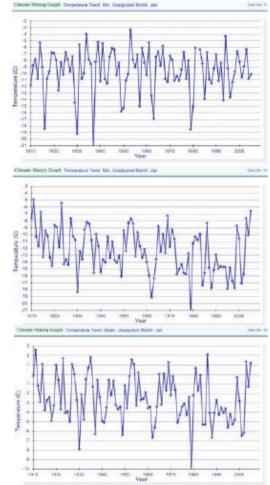
Infestations every 20 years (e.g., Cicadas, 17 years) Recent increase in affected areas is an artifact of better observation tools



### MPB Infestation Expansion – Natural Cycles



Winters are actually getting colder



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HELENAICOUNTY

## **INTERPRETATION #3** MPB Infestation Expansion – Forest Service

#### + Forest Fire Abatement

- + More trees preserved
  - Closer spacing => easier for beetles to reach new hosts
  - Older trees => older trees more susceptible

# **SOCIETAL IMPLICATIONS** Mountain Pine Beetle – Implications

### **Economic Impacts**

- Loss of Timber
  - U.S. Forest Service committed \$40 million for cleanup efforts in 2009 Cost an estimated 11,000 jobs in Canada over the next 14 years.
- Fire Hazard
- Loss of Tourism

### Mountain Pine Beetle – Implications

#### What Could/Should be Done ?

### - If Global Warming

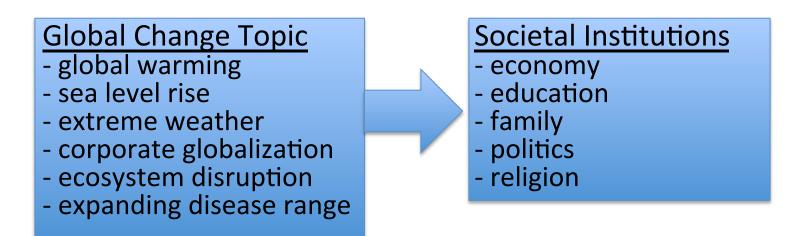
Treat Forests – costly, but provides jobs Not sure if reducing atmospheric CO2 will help Positive Feedback of dying trees

### - If Natural Cycle

Wait for nature to take its course Not worth spending money to treat forests No need to change our habits

- If Forest Service Practices Change forestry practices Wait to see if it is a climate issue

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