Kirkwood eager to reduce energy consumption

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Few businesses feel as threatened by global warming as the ski industry.

And few resorts are poised to go to the same lengths — and expense — to combat it as Kirkwood and the hardy folks who make their homes in the snowy, windswept Kirkwood Meadows.

Although only a few hundred people live year-round in Kirkwood, the community is ready to spend up to \$30 million to overhaul its aging, dirty and expensive power system and reduce its contributions to global warming.

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