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Summary

The rise of fossil fuels has changed our view and approach to energy development as a society. As we transition away from fossil fuels we need to review some of the development assumptions we make when selecting and developing new energy projects.

A move back to historic concepts of development and use of energy resources, where they are found, will enhance both way of life and economies in rural and remote communities. What's more a holistic approach, which recognizes and utilizes the diverse types of energy available within a given project, will provide greater economic and community returns for similar environmental impact. Often these diverse energy mixes will also extend the functional life of the project, providing increased stability and long-term prosperity of the surrounding communities.

Examples of mixed energy development projects and how they can address specific communities needs will reviewed.