

As the cost of gasoline and diesel fuel continues to soar past record highs in Montana, Monica Tranel wants to end fossil fuels and even blamed the fossil fuel industry for aiding in the “destruction of democracy.”

BACKUP:

In May 2022, Montana hit record high fuel prices; the average cost for gasoline is now \$4.92 per gallon:

NOTE: As of July 6, 2022, the average price of gasoline in Montana was [\\$4.927](#)

- **In May 2022, Montana hit record high fuel prices; the average cost for regular fuel was \$4.21 per gallon.** “Montana is officially seeing the highest recorded fuel prices at the pump in the state’s history. The average cost for regular fuel is now \$4.21 per gallon. That beats previous records set in 2008. Diesel is now up to about \$5.44 per gallon.” (“Montana Sees Record-High Fuel Prices,” [NBC Montana](#), 5/9/22)
- **In May 2022, the average price for a gallon of diesel fuel in Montana was \$5.49.** “The average price for a gallon of diesel fuel in Montana is \$5.49, compared to an average cost of \$3.15 a year ago, according to AAA Gas Prices.” (Jane McDonald, “Diesel prices hit record-high over the weekend,” [KZBK Bozeman](#), 5/17/22)
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## **Diesel prices hit record-high over the weekend**

(Jane McDonald, “Diesel prices hit record-high over the weekend,” [KZBK Bozeman](#), 5/17/22)

In 2022, Monica Tranel said, “We have to reject the fossil fuel industry that is allowing the destruction of democracy,” and said there is “no role” for fossil fuels in the country’s future energy mix:

- **TRANEL:** “We have to reject the fossil fuel industry that is allowing the destruction of democracy. And I am uniquely positioned to be a national leader on this issue. And with your help, we will flip it and have a Montana voice to speak to this.” (Democratic Candidate Forum, Flathead Democrats, [Facebook](#), 04/18/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))
- **Tranel said there is “no role” for fossil fuels in the country’s future energy mix.** “Tranel said there’s ‘no role’ for fossil fuels in the country’s future energy mix ‘if we want to have a planet.’ ‘They’re mutually [exclusive]. I don’t think there’s room for debate. I think the transition and the glidepath is what we should be talking about.” (Timothy Cama, “How Zinke’s Democratic opponent plans to beat him,” [E&E News](#), 7/1/22)