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Dear ND DEQ,

This is the old, "Pay me now or pay me later," situation. There will be consequences for everything we do that does not reduce the hostile weather patterns of recent years. The only question is whether we choose to suffer those consequences and, hopefully, learn or do we learn now and avoid those consequences.

Personally, I am tired of suffering from the poor decisions made by those who feel they could control reality out of existence. The reality in this case is whether the weather is changing because of man or naturally. The facts are that, no matter what the cause, we need to rid ourselves of the problem before we are left with a situation that we can't live with.

We didn't create the environment that we live in and we would be wise to not disagree with the individual who did.

Despite the great strides that have been made implementing the Clean Air Act?s regional Haze Rule in some states, North Dakota has proposed a regional haze plan that fails to reduce pollution, falling short on the state?s statutory and regulatory obligation to improve air quality for our parks and communities.

To satisfy the text and purpose of the Regional Haze Rule and the Clean Air Act, we ask that the state revise its plan by:
- Requiring cost-effective, technically-feasible emission controls identified in the review of emission-reducing measures (four-factor analyses) for the coal power plants and oil and gas facilities the state selected for review in this planning period.
- Establishing a cost-effectiveness threshold for reasonable progress and one that is in line with other states.
- Correcting the inflated cost of controls calculations.
- Thoroughly assessing environmental justice impacts (as EPA recommended).

Not only does poor air quality affect the health and enjoyment of those visiting our national parks, it also threatens our economies. Our national parks provide nearly $42 billion in economic benefit and support hundreds of thousands of jobs across the country each year. Without strong safeguards protecting the air we breathe, we can?t keep these places and local economies strong, let alone keep people healthy.

Please revise the regional haze plan to protect our health, our lands, and our economy!

Sincerely,

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