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Subject: Revise the Regional Haze Plan and require cost-effective pollution controls to protect our national parks
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Dear ND DEQ,

Previous generations set aside certain special areas of land; national parks, wildlife areas, and wilderness areas, to be protected in their natural state for future generations to enjoy. Our generation now has both the privilege and obligation to ensure the continued vitality of these lands. I urge you to protect Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge, and other important North Dakota wild lands by amending the proposed North Dakota Regional Haze Plan to include the revisions listed in the message below. Thank you in advance.
Wayde Schafer

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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