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Dear ND DEQ,

It's remarkable that we now wake up to hazy ozone days where the particulate matter can fill our lungs- even with microplastics! The time for action is now to reduce and stop all toxic waste from entering our air and water. Just because we can't see it doesn't mean that it isn't doing extreme harm. Haven't seen what invisible viruses can do too? Please be innovative and thing of a way to be a climate helper (there's valuable marketing in that!) rather than an environmental destructor.

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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