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Dear Robert,

We've officially entered the dog days of summer. The signs of climate change are all around, with wildfires burning across the west and smoke reaching nearly every corner of the country. Now more than ever, we are reminded of the critical importance of our work. Read on to find out how you can plug in at this crucial time.

Regional Haze comment period open

Last week, the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) released their draft decision to partially disapprove Wyoming's plan to deal with "Regional Haze,"](#) part of a Clean Air Act program designed to protect visibility in national parks and wilderness areas, including Grand Teton and Yellowstone. Under guidance from the EPA, Wyoming had a chance to create a plan to curb haze emissions and protect our skies. Instead, the state submitted a flawed, "do nothing" plan that incorrectly concluded that no new reductions in pollution were warranted for any of the state's industrial sources.

Last month, Sierra Club volunteers held events in Jackson and Grand Teton National Park to raise awareness of this issue ahead of the EPA's decision (check out our [blog](#) post here). Now that the decision has been released, **we're asking SCWY supporters to submit a comment to the EPA by September 3rd, supporting the move and asking them to require meaningful emissions reductions. The time is now to advocate for clean air in our parks and wilderness.**

Use the button below to submit your comment, which is due September 3rd.

Submit a comment

National Old Growth Amendment

In 2022, President Biden issued an executive order to protect mature and old-growth trees on federal lands across the country. Now, the U.S. Forest Service is considering an amendment that could protect old-growth across the country. Although many Wyoming forests have been subject to logging and development, there is still plenty of Wyoming old growth and mature forest to protect. Help us create healthier forests and demand stronger protections for forests by submitting a comment today!

Comment here

Need help crafting your comment? Sierra Club has an information hub to assist you! [Check out these resources to get started.](#)

Join us in the Great Outdoors

Beartooth Hike

Saturday, August 10: Join us for a summer hike in the southern Beartooths. We'll arrive at 11 am to the Island Lake Campground to embark on a relatively easy 5.1 mile hike, passing 5 different lakes and culminating at Beartooth Lake Campground, where we will then shuttle back. A carpool will leave from Cody at approximately 9 a.m. For more details and information on carpooling, please contact Rob Joyce at rob.joyce@sierraclub.org

RSVP

Palisades WSA Hike

Saturday, August 17: Explore the Palisades Wilderness Study Area on this half-day, out-and-back hike to Ski Lake! Afterward, meet us in Wilson to learn more about the importance of forest planning over lunch. Meet at the parking lot across from the Philip's Bench Trailhead at 10am. Contact Kelsey Yarzab at kelsey.yarzab@sierraclub.org for more information.

RSVP

Fence removal project

Tuesday, August 20th: Join us to tear down a barbed wire fence in the heart of the Baggs Mule Deer Migration Corridor. We will carpool from Laramie. Lunch will be provided by the BLM and an archaeologist will provide a tour of the historic JO Ranch. This will likely be an all-day event. Contact Kaycee Prevedel for more information at kaycee.prevedel@sierraclub.org.

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I hope to see you on the trail soon!

Cheers,
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