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Scott Clow	6/29/2007	<p>Dear Task Force Representative:</p> <p>I work for the Ute Mountain Tribe's Environmental Programs Department. We are about to partner with the EPA and the USGS to monitor radionuclides in the air and water around White Mesa, Utah where there is the only operating uranium mill in the nation. They are increasing production dramatically at the mill. We have significant concerns about radioactive dust blowing around out there. Any assistance that you or your staff could provide, funding if possible, would be a great thing. In the end we will have a publicly available, peer-reviewed report published by USGS and EPA. This could be a very important piece of the 4 corners air quality puzzle for you.</p> <p>My contact information is: Scott Clow, Water Quality Specialist, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, PO Box 448, Towaoc, CO 81334, (970) 564-5431, scute@fone.net</p> <p>Thanks for considering this.</p> <p>Sincerely, Scott</p>	
Erich Fowler	7/12/2007	<p>The last mitigation option makes me think that it is time to start considering regulating wood and coal burning stoves all-together. We have a tendency in the 4 corners to believe that we are small-fry, but continued urbanization is delivering us many big-city problems. In all, oil, gas and power plants tend to overshadow the cumulative impacts of residential activities. Our county governments should consider mitigation options accordingly.</p>	
Renee Lewis	7/13/2007	<p>It is not enough to address the larger sources of air pollution in the Four Corners area. The efforts of this task force must also address the cumulative effects of the smaller sources.</p>	
Erich Fowler	7/12/2007	<p>This is a great option. The Farmington/Aztec/Bloomfield area is an urban corridor, and the Durango/Bayfield area is quickly becoming so as well. We could easily reduce emissions and highway miles traveled if we were to expand upon park-and-ride systems (I believe I saw an ad for one between Ignacio and Durango) and also municipal transit.</p>	<p>3 - Mitigation Option: Public Buy-in through Local Organizations to push for transportation alternatives and ordinances</p>
Charlene Anderson	7/13/2007	<p>Public outreach is great (often people are unaware of the health problems due to burning), but it may not reach the few and highly resistant people who burn regularly (both commercial and residential). As a resident, I would like to be able to call the sheriff and have enforcement that is effective (a fine, for example).</p>	<p>5 - Mitigation Option: Develop Public Education and Outreach Campaign for Open Burning</p>
Dennis Casto	6/29/2007	<p>The worst offending vehicles pass because their owners know how to beat the system on testing. Just enforce laws about taking cars off the road that visually are not in compliance. Add a tax based on engine size or exemple smaller engines and low weight vehicles.</p>	<p>6 - Mitigation Option: Automobile Emissions Inspection Program</p>
Danell Baird Zawaski	7/9/2007	<p>IM Programs will only work if all areas in that region are included. If they are not then owners of car will find ways to get around the program. Most of the owners that would do this are the owners of the cars that are the problem. Another way to make sure that your program is effective is to make sure that there is a assistance program for owners that can not afford to get their car emissions fixed.</p>	<p>6 - Mitigation Option: Automobile Emissions Inspection Program</p>

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Renee Lewis	7/12/2007	The IM programs will only be effective for our purposes if they are implemented in all areas. Also, the emissions programs for cars need stricter standards, thus making it economically infeasible to own larger engine, less efficient vehicles. There will always be those who find their way around the laws. However, if those laws are stricter, actually enforced, and applied throughout the Four Corners area then more problem vehicles will be taken off the road.	6 - Mitigation Option: Automobile Emissions Inspection Program
Charlene Anderson	7/13/2007	<p>On a voluntary basis, people could "adopt/subsidize" other vehicles that are not meeting emissions specs. Maybe this adoption could be tax deductible or a tax credit.</p> <p>How do we address the high emitting, newer vehicles (ie large trucks/cars)from the LEV (low emission vehicles)? Maybe a taxing structure would help both reduce the demand for new higher polluting vehicles, and help get high polluting older (the old "beater") vehicles off the road by helping to pay for their improvement/replacement.</p>	6 - Mitigation Option: Automobile Emissions Inspection Program
Charlene Anderson	7/13/2007	I would like City (and County if possible) ordinances to restrict idling. A rule that everyone follows will make it easier to get everyone on board the "no idling" plan. Public outreach also has to follow to teach people why idling causes problems and how "no idling" make make a difference. Signage at parking areas/unloading areas boat ramps, water filling stations/hydrants, the post office, grocery stores and other parking lots and etc. can remind drivers to turn off their engines.	10 - Mitigation Option: Idle Ordinances
Charlene Anderson	7/13/2007	School bus retrofit--Let's do it! Then add public outreach to encourage more students to ride the bus, and we reduce emissions because the parents are not lined up in their cars to pick up/drop off their kids at school.	11 - Mitigation Option: School Bus Retrofit
Charlene Anderson	7/13/2007	<p>Though indirectly related to this topic, homes need to be upgraded weatherized and insulated so that we decrease the amount of fuel needed.</p> <p>Public outreach might help teach people how to build a clean fire. And people are burning trash in their wood stoves (similar to open burning).</p> <p>Coal is often used for heating and is particularly high in emissions, and seems to be equal to open burning.</p>	12 - Mitigation Option: Subsidy Program for Cleaner Residential Fuels