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Annual Four Corners Air Quality Group Meeting to be held virtually on November 15 and 16, 2021

Focus of the meeting will be the air and climate challenges facing the region

Farmington — The Four Corners Air Quality Group is hosting its annual meeting on November 15 and 16 using a virtual online format. The meeting will be held each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will offer updates on climate and air quality issues affecting the region. Members of the public are invited and encouraged to participate. The agenda for the meeting and information on how to participate is available here. The first day will focus on climate actions, and the second day will focus on various air quality topics including criteria pollutants, monitoring data trends, and regional haze plans.

Originally convened as the Four Corners Air Quality Task Force over a decade ago, the group meets regularly to provide updates on air quality topics relevant to the region. The states of New Mexico and Colorado oversee the Group with other participating agencies including the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency; the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Program; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service; the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; the U.S. Department of Energy; and the state of Utah.

Information about the upcoming meeting may be obtained by contacting Mark Jones at (505) 629-6626 or mark.jones@state.nm.us.

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