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In general this is a fantastic document- I like the tone, values, goals, and specificity. However, it doesn't seem to address wildfire smoke in a control way. It just mentions monitoring and communication around wildfire and making sure prescribed burns are minimally impactful. Wildfire smoke is a huge issue when it comes to AQ and any plan to reduce air pollution effectively has to consider it more centrally, not just in a monitoring and communication way but in a preventive way. How are we working with public and private forest managers, utilities, and railroads to grow resilient forests that store carbon, include a natural fire regime and prevent out of control wildfires from starting or spreading? How are we partnering with other states and Canada to support their wildland fire response? How are we going to not only monitor wildfire smoke, how are we going to reduce the number of days people are impacted by it?