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We often visit spaces near our trailer-campsite in Rochert, MN (we're a primary resident of Fargo, ND)

While it seems the water quality is better in my community, it is concerning for the extended region. We were very saddened and alarmed by the severe climate changes and effects we are seeing in the lakes due to drought and irregular freezing patterns. The 22-23 freeze killed approximately 80% of the fish populations. Then, the drought of summer '23 was an additional strain on the ecosystem. Preferably, I'd like to see a more restrained forest-burning attentions although I respect some of that is care. The high winds and destroyed trees and immediate lumberers who ripped into them with chainsaws looked more as another step of vulnerability to the region.

We have a shallow well directly off the main road which I suspect with the high rates of numerous fast vehicles isn't helpful to the run-off created by these machines either.

I appreciate your call for attention and hope you can implement efforts to slow down gas-powered influences to the area and shield additional threats.