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I do not agree that vehicles on tribal land should be granted any exemptions. Tribes historically have been the most sensitive stewards to the care of Mother Earth and granting an exemption does not support the care of our environment. We are all in this together! With the increasing acquisitions and development of tribal land, it is important that tribes comply as well.

I do not agree with taking the California model for compliance with any federal requirements. In my opinion California tends to take efforts to the extreme and this only places unnecessary burdens on all parties affected by the regulations. In addition, these extreme and unnecessary burdens only make the cost of doing business in our state more expensive and will drive industry and residency to other more lenient locations.

Californians are leaving California by the hordes to get away from the lunacy of that state. Many of them coming to NM to escape the regulations and overkill seen in the regulations and policies implemented there.

If anything, our state in the last two decades has created more emissions via forest fires. NMED should be focusing on creating healthier forests via thinning and logging operations. Our approach to vehicle emissions should be as lenient as possible and our efforts to create emissions impactful policies should focus on ideas that will address the minimal impact we have on the "big picture" without driving residents and industry out of our state. NM's population of 2 million should not be dictated by the policies of a state like California where there are approximately 40 million people. Californians are relocating to NM daily in an effort to get away from the crazy regulations that are being imposed by that states leadership! Why don't we look to the efforts of states like South Dakota, Wyoming, North Dakota, Alaska, and others with lower populations dispersed over large land areas, and significant amounts of forest and tribal lands.