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Dear Folks,

A couple comments regarding air quality:

1. Of course we deserve good air to breath. It's better for health.
2. Before retirement, I have been climbing the Grand Teton (13,700 ft elevation) since 1954. Since 1963 as a mountain guide I have climbed it each year until 2012 for a total of somewhat over 400 ascents. Beginning in the 1960's I saw smog encroach from the west and southwest. Some of this was likely from Southern and Central California, the Salt Lake area and some from the Boise area depending of upper air flow. Looking to the north to the southeast , depending on the amount of natural haze, you could see to the horizon. About 15 years ago the view to the southeast over the Green River Basin began to resemble the same layer of pollution that we would see to the west and southwest. This was not a daily occurrence but during periods of high pressure in the summer months was very noticeable. I would point this out to my clients as something that we have lost during the last 60 years, a view from a high mountain summit to the horizon, as the fur trappers and explorers saw the west.

It would be fantastic if we could keep the level of pollution at current levels, or better yet lower it both for the view and our health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Rod Newcomb'.

Rod Newcomb