



**CLEAR HORIZONS  
NEW MEXICO**

# **THE CLEAR HORIZONS ACT:**

## **Building on Years of New Mexico Leadership**

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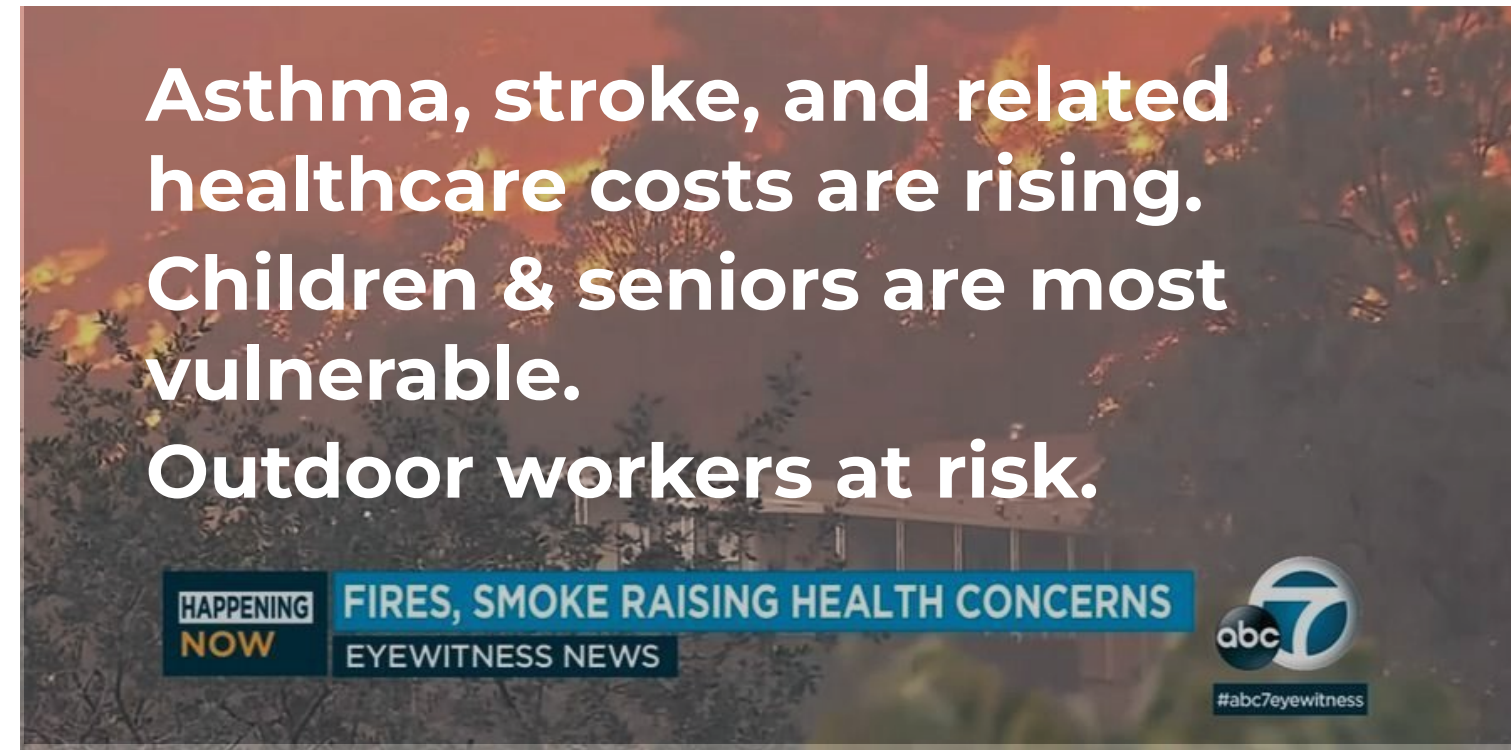
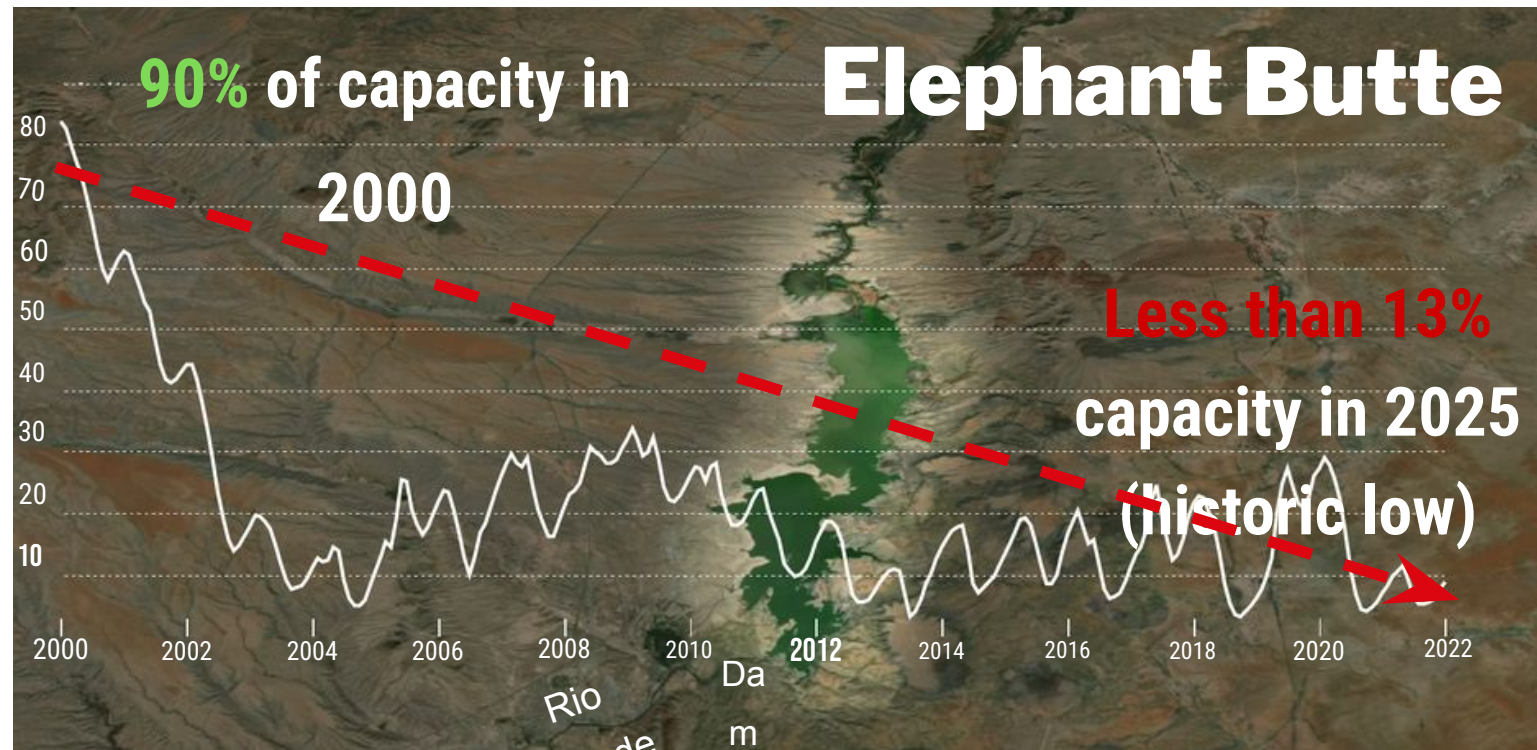
**New Mexico** is getting hotter, drier, and more polluted and families are paying the price.

# The Cost of Inaction

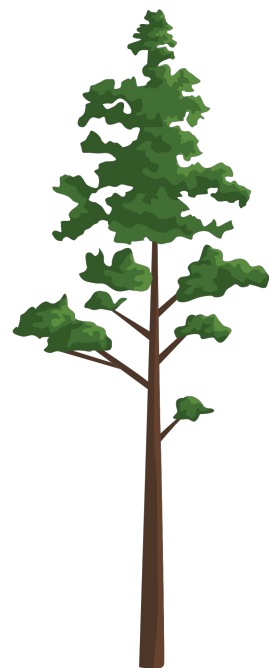
**\$3.3 BILLION**

New Mexico faces **billions** in annual climate-related losses by 2040 – equal to roughly one third of the state's current budget.

# CLIMATE IMPACTS ARE HERE



Threatening our water, health and healthcare, and New Mexican way of life.



**\$650**

in lost property value per tree in NM mountain communities.



**+16%**

Average home insurance premium increase in 2025.

**20%**



Of the state's grazing lands lost to heat and drought.



# BUILDING ON YEARS OF NEW MEXICO LEADERSHIP

## WHAT THE CLEAR HORIZONS ACT DOES

### »»» CODIFIES NEW MEXICO'S GOALS INTO LAW

*Moves existing commitments from executive order to durable statute*

- Sets clear pollution reduction targets: **45% by 2030 | 75% by 2040 | Net-zero by 2050**
- Ensures continuity and stability regardless of politics.
- Supports communities and businesses with the confidence to plan and invest long-term.





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## WHAT THE CLEAR HORIZONS ACT DOES

### >>> HOLDS MAJOR POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE — NOT FAMILIES

*Streamlines the law to apply only where it matters most.*

- Applies only to **major emission sources** (over 10,000 metric tons annually).
- Still covers about 97% of statewide pollution emitters needed to meet 2050 goals.
- Exempts households, small businesses, and nearly all agriculture.





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## WHAT THE CLEAR HORIZONS ACT DOES

### »»» A STREAMLINED FRAMEWORK FOR LONG TERM INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION

- Directs the Environment Improvement Board (EIB) to adopt a statewide plan and rules.
- Allows reductions through direct cuts or certified, voluntary projects (e.g., soil health, agriculture, carbon capture), including projects on tribal lands.
- Requires monitoring, reporting, and public transparency, with flexibility to account for existing laws and actions already taken by industry.





# WHY CLEAR HORIZONS WORKS FOR NEW MEXICO

New Mexico has already made incredible progress cutting pollution and expanding clean energy. The Clear Horizons Act locks in that progress.

## »»» **CLEAN ENERGY IS LOWERING ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR FAMILIES**

- As clean energy generation expands, family electricity prices have fallen 7–8% (inflation adjusted).
- New Mexico now has some of the lowest electricity prices in the nation, helping households cover monthly expenses, and stands resilient against price volatility.





# WHY CLEAR HORIZONS WORKS FOR NEW MEXICO

## »»» SUPPORTS DIVERSE, STATEWIDE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Clean energy employment has grown 27% since 2020.
- Adding 7.7% job growth in 2024 alone (15 times faster than rest of the economy).
- Employs 30,500 New Mexicans.
- 32% located in rural counties.





# WHY CLEAR HORIZONS WORKS FOR NEW MEXICO

## »»» Responsible Growth in Emerging Industries

- Energy-intensive industries are coming to New Mexico.
- Clear Horizons ensures growth happens with planning, accountability, and clean energy integration.
- Prevents costs from being shifted onto families and small businesses.
- Encourages responsible investment that strengthens, not strains, communities.

**The Clear Horizons Act** is responsible, commonsense stewardship. It lowers costs for families, strengthens local economies, reduces pollution, and gives New Mexico a clear, stable path to a healthier, more affordable future.



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# THANK YOU

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