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Please find the attached news release about the Southwest Clean Air Agency's Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan and public comment period. If any pages of this fax do not come through legibly, or if you have any questions, please contact me. I would also be happy to send you an electronic copy of this news release via e-mail if that works better for you.

Sincerely,

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seeks comments, announces public hearing**

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Wintertime Air Pollution Advice

- ▶ Cold air is heavier and more stable than warm air.
- ▶ Therefore, pollutants tend to build up in the cold, stagnant air. Temperature inversions compound the problem when stagnant conditions (high pressure systems) and warmer air above traps cooler air near the earth's surface. This can produce localized problems with poor dispersion of smoke from woodstoves or fireplaces.

Below are some of the things you can do to help protect our air quality:

- Avoid burning yard debris
- Burn only dry, clean firewood or compressed logs or pellets in your woodstove or fireplace to minimize your smoke and maximize heat output
- Build small, hot fires. A hot fire will heat the stove enough to burn wood completely, with less pollution.
- Avoid the temptation to "hold" a fire overnight by cutting down the air supply to your woodstove. While it appears that you're saving wood, you're really wasting fuel and money, plus creating smoke and dangerous creosote.
- Combine errands whenever possible to reduce your driving
- Don't burn your holiday wrapping paper. Recycle it instead, but first separate ribbons and wrapping paper with any foil.



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