

Regional Haze Progress

Clean Air Corridors

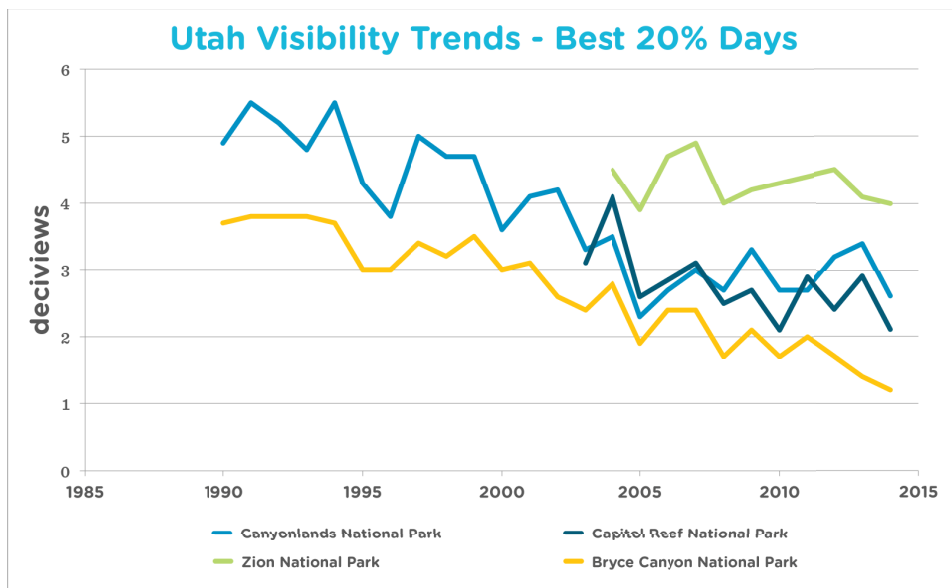
During certain times of the year the visibility in Utah's National Parks is among the best in the nation. One of the goals of the Regional Haze program is to ensure that haze does not increase on these clean days. During the cleanest days of the year the air flow is often from the Northwest. The Regional Haze Plan requires us to decrease and track emissions in the Clean Air Corridor that includes portions of Utah, Nevada, Idaho, and Oregon.

Maintaining Scenic Vistas at National Parks

Utah's plan to improve regional haze is implemented through a Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SIP is the product of 20 years of work, beginning with the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission in 1991. It was developed through a consensus-based regional stakeholder process that led the nation in protecting the vistas of Western areas, including Utah's five national parks.

Measuring Visibility

We measure visibility by deciviews—a visibility index where the higher the number, the worse the visibility. A change in visibility of one deciview can be noticed by the human eye. Visibility in our national parks has substantially increased in the past 20 years.



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