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U.S. Court of Appeals Hears *Juliana v. United States* in Portland on June 4

WHAT: Oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the landmark constitutional climate lawsuit, *Juliana v. United States*, Case No. 18-36082. The lawsuit was brought by 21 young Americans and is supported by Our Children's Trust.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. PST, a press conference will immediately follow the hearing. Please plan to arrive early if you wish to secure a seat in the courtroom and overflow rooms where the hearing will be livestreamed.

Note: A rally will begin at 1:30 p.m. PST and will include speakers and a livestream of the hearing that will be projected at Director Park beginning at 2:00 p.m. PST.

WHERE: Hearing: Courtroom 16 of the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse, [210 SW Main St, Portland, Oregon](#)
Rally and press conference: Director Park, [815 SW Park Avenue, Portland, Oregon](#)

WHO: 17 of the youth plaintiffs, including Kelsey Juliana and Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, and attorneys for the plaintiffs.

What to expect in the courtroom:

A three-judge panel will decide whether the youth plaintiffs will go to trial against the Trump administration. The panel will be: Circuit Judges Mary Murguia and Andrew Hurwitz and District Court Judge Josephine Staton.

Plaintiffs and defendants will be allowed 20 minutes for oral argument per side. Julia Olson will argue on behalf of the plaintiffs and Jeffrey Bossert Clark, Sr. will argue on behalf of the Trump administration.

Juliana was scheduled to begin trial on October 29, 2018 in Eugene, Oregon, and is now pending before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court, in a 2-1 decision, granted the Trump administration's

request for permission to bring an early (interlocutory) appeal in the case. In January, the Court granted plaintiffs' request to expedite the briefing schedule in *Juliana*, which put the appeal on a fast-track.

Oral argument will focus on the interlocutory appeal as well as the motion for preliminary injunction the plaintiffs are seeking, which would prevent the United States from issuing leases and mining permits for extracting coal on federal public lands, leases for offshore oil and gas exploration and extraction activities, and federal approvals for new fossil fuel infrastructure during the pendency of the appeal. The urgent motion points to 60 new oil and gas pipelines, 32 new liquefied natural gas and coal terminals, and one new deepwater port oil export facility awaiting federal approvals.

Filming in the courtroom:

A filmmaker has been granted access to be the pool-feed for the hearing. If you wish to use this feed please apply to do so with the Ninth Circuit Court.

The Court will livestream the arguments: <https://www.youtube.com/user/9thcirc>

Facebook event: bit.ly/youthvgovpdx

For more information about the June 4 hearing and rally: www.youthvgov.org/alleyesonjuliana

Juliana v. United States is not about climate inaction. The 21 young plaintiffs and the organizational plaintiff Earth Guardians assert that the US government, through its affirmative actions that cause climate change, has violated their constitutional rights to life, liberty, property, and equal protection of the law, as well as failed to protect essential public trust resources. The case is one of many related legal actions brought by youth in several states and countries, all supported by Our Children's Trust, seeking science-based action by governments to stabilize the climate system.

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***Earth Guardians** is a Colorado-based nonprofit organization with youth chapters on five continents, and multiple groups in the United States with thousands of members working together to protect the Earth, the water, the air, and the atmosphere, creating healthy sustainable communities globally. We inspire and empower young leaders, families, schools, organizations, cities, and government officials to make positive change locally, nationally, and globally to address the critical state of the Earth. www.earthguardians.org*

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