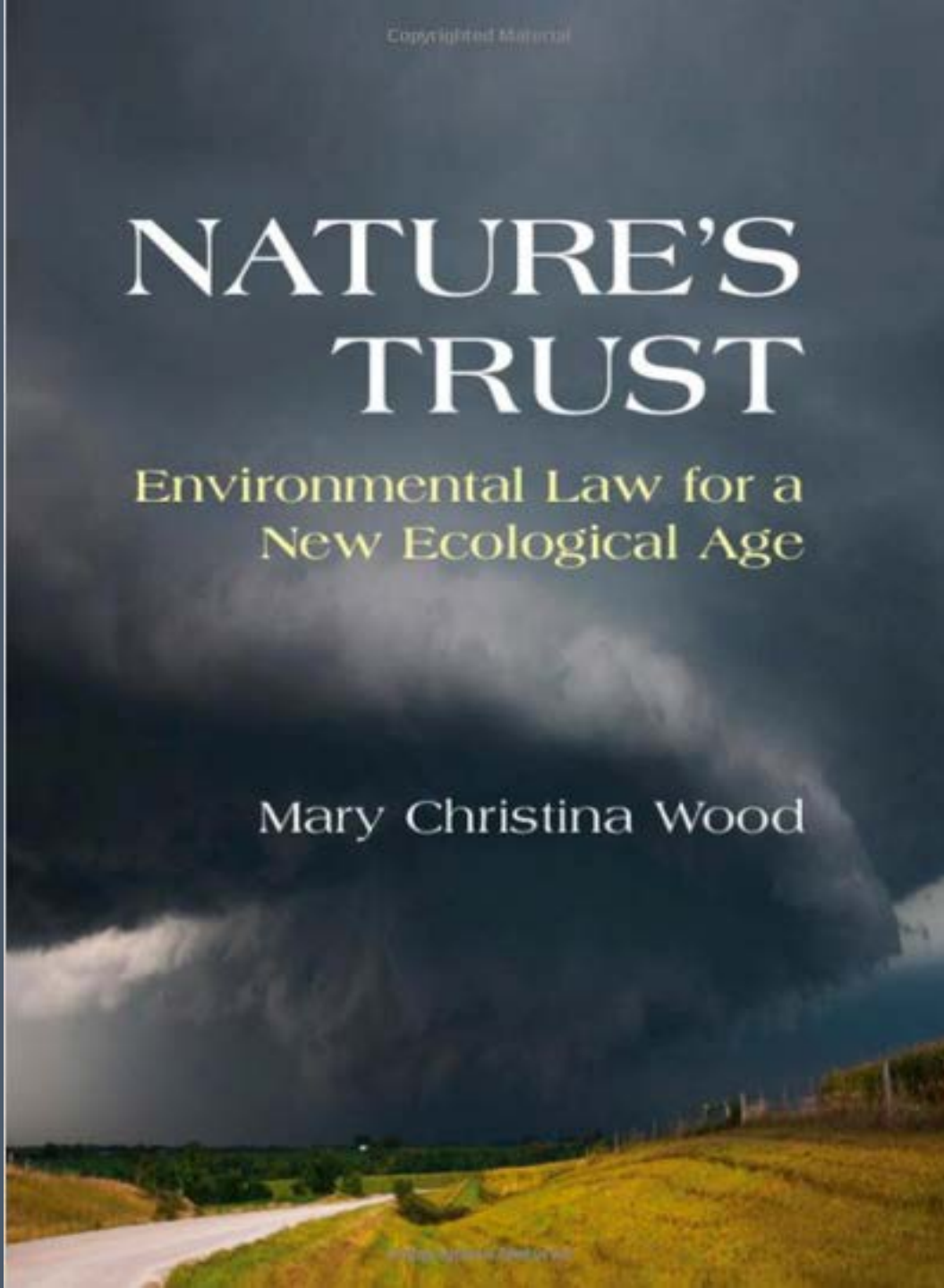


# NATURE'S TRUST

Environmental Law for a  
New Ecological Age

Mary Christina Wood



# Our moment on Earth



*The last stand*

# The Earth is now in a state of “planetary emergency”

- DAVID SPRATT & PHILIP SUTTON, CLIMATE CODE RED: THE CASE  
FOR A SUSTAINABILITY EMERGENCY

“This is all hands on deck time.”

David Orr



An aerial photograph of a large, winding river delta, likely the Ganges-Brahmaputra delta, showing intricate patterns of water and land. A white rectangular box is centered in the image, containing the 'Fossil Free' logo. The logo features a large, orange, hand-painted 'X' over the word 'FOSSIL' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with the word 'FREE' in a similar font to the right.

**FOSSIL FREE**

45% by 2030 – UN IPCC





**2020**

**START BENDING  
CURVE DOWN**



**TRUMP ON THE ISSUES:**

**CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT**



**100 fossil fuel projects poised to launch**



**Carbon budget for 1.5 C**



**\$50 trillion of fossil fuel development**



# THE CORVALLIS CATALYSTS





A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake reflecting the surrounding mountains and sky. In the foreground, several tall, purple flowers are in bloom. The mountains in the background are rugged and partially covered in snow, with a clear blue sky above.

# ***CLIMATE ACTION*** ***on five fronts***

**COMMUNICATE EMERGENCY  
CONSUMPTION  
COMMUNITY  
CIVIC ACTION  
CIVIL (PEACEFUL) DISRUPTION**

# COMMUNICATE THIS EMERGENCY

"passengers on a small pleasure boat sailing quietly above the Niagara Falls, *not knowing that the engines are about to fail.*"

James Lovelock





## Climate Victory Speakers



CIVILIZATION CALL  
EVERY MAN WOMAN AND CHI

WHEN YOU  
TALK ABOUT

**WEATHER**

TALK



ABOUT

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

EG350 South

CONSUMPTION



# RE-DEFINE “NEED”



# The New Oregon Pioneers . . . Local Food and Simple Living



# Pollinate change in your community







**DEMOCRACY IS NOT A  
SPECTATOR SPORT**

The League of  
Women Voters  
of Massachusetts

**STOP PROMOTING FOSSIL  
FUELS**

**PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE  
FOR DE-CARBONIZATION**

**NOT POLLUTERS**

LET'S GO TO THE PEOPLE  
NOT POLITICIANS

# ROLE OF COURTS IN CLIMATE EMERGENCY



“The current situation of the world in relation to the climate problem is that we’re in a car with bad brakes driving toward a cliff in the fog . . . .”

**John Holdren, President Obama’s science advisor.**



**ATMOSPHERIC TRUST  
LITIGATION**

**Our Children's Trust**

A group of young people are gathered outdoors under a clear blue sky. They are holding several large blue flags that feature a white globe with green continents. In the foreground, several individuals are holding up large white signs. One sign prominently displays the text "THE PUBLIC TRUST" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Other signs feature portraits of young people and text related to the "ATMOSPHERIC TRUST LITIGATION CAMPAIGN". One sign lists "FEDERAL PLAINTIFFS" and names "GARRETT SERRIYA" and "GRANT SERRIYA". Another sign features the name "EZCATHL MARINEZ" and the word "vematter". A central sign lists "MADELEINE WALLACE". The overall scene suggests a public demonstration or protest related to environmental or climate change issues.

# ATMOSPHERIC TRUST LITIGATION CAMPAIGN

Suits and petitions filed In 2011

## THE PUBLIC TRUST

FEDERAL PLAINTIFFS  
GARRETT SERRIYA  
GRANT SERRIYA



MADELEINE WALLACE

EZCATHL MARINEZ

vematter

# Oregon Case: Chernaik v. Brown



**\*News Flash\***

Press conference 2:00  
tomorrow Multnomah Bldg  
501 Hawthorn Blvd. Kelsey  
Juliana there

“The Biggest Case on the Planet” – Juliana v. U.S.

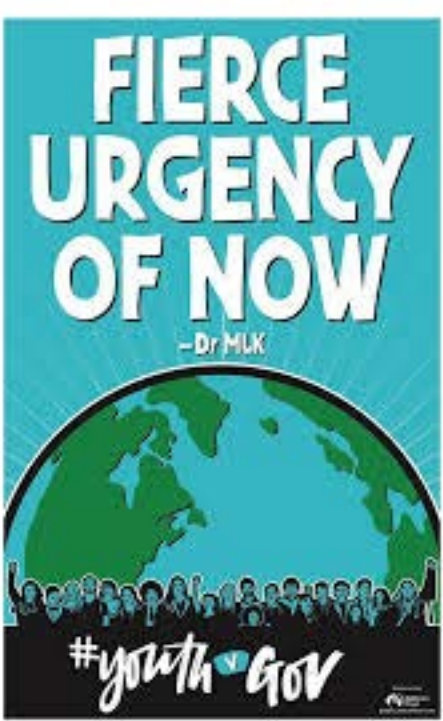
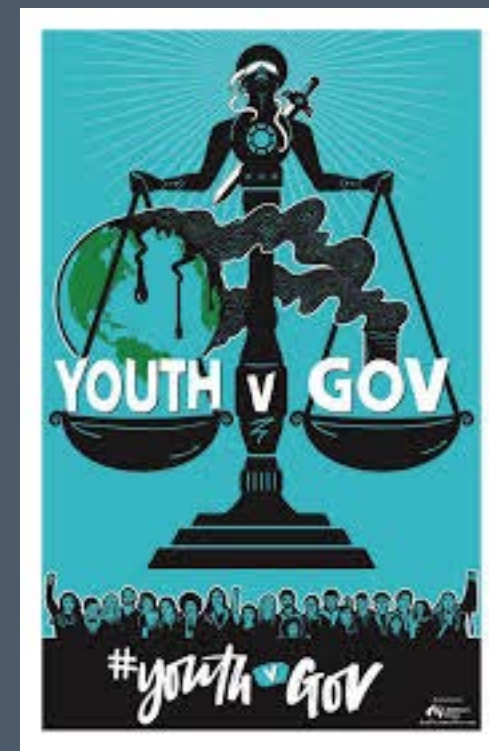


FILED IN OREGON AUGUST, 2015

21 youth plaintiffs

Multiple U.S. Agencies

Entire fossil fuel industry intervened

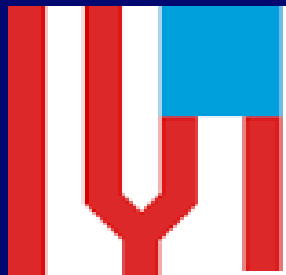




# Challenges Entire Fossil Fuel Policy of the United States

Public Trust Principle

Due Process Right to Life, Liberty and Property



# YOUTH v. GOV



Requests Court to Order Enforceable Plan for De-carbonization

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## COURTS

### 'Goodbye New York, Goodbye Washington, for that matter' - Trial court ruling in climate case

Benjamin

“Defendants have acted with deliberate indifference to the peril they knowingly created.”

White House report found that:


Through his worldwide industrial civilization, Man is unwittingly conducting a vast geophysical experiment. Within a few generations he is burning the fossil fuels that slowly accumulated in the earth over the past 500 million years. The CO<sub>2</sub> produced

“Goodbye New York. Goodbye Washington, for that matter”.



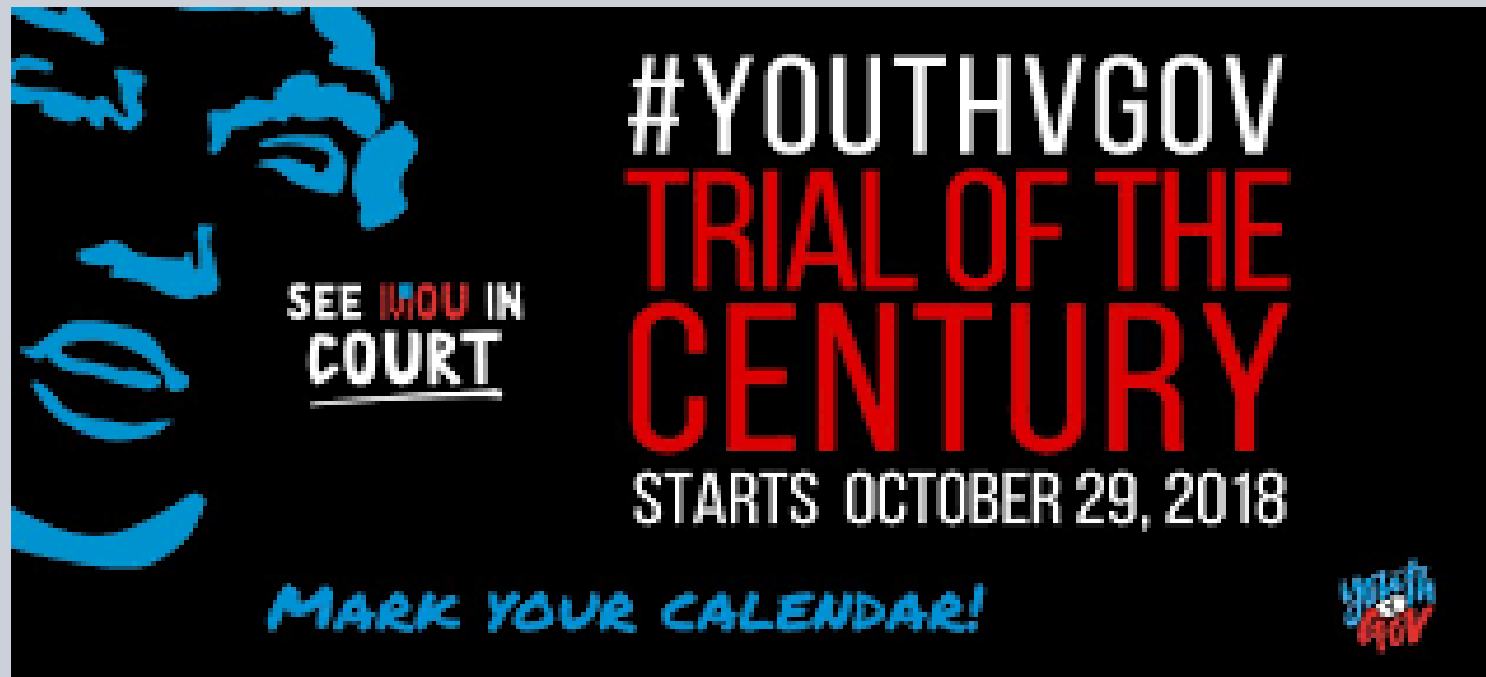
Juliana v. United States: Court's Order Denying Motions to Dismiss, November 10, 2016

The law is never right until it is just.



“I have no doubt that the right to a climate system capable of sustaining human life is fundamental to a free and ordered society . . . .” Judge Ann Aiken

# U.S. Fossil Fuel Policy Meets Climate Science in Court for the First Time



June, 2017: Industry Interveners withdrew from case, *en masse*

Ninth Circuit – oral argument in June, Portland  
EMERGENCY MOTION TO ENJOIN 100 PROJECTS





| ENVIRONMENT |

# Support is surging for teens' climate change lawsuit

The U.S. Constitution protects the right to a safe climate, say 30,000 kids and eight members of Congress in support of the suit.

**JOIN JULIANA**

[JOINJULIANA.ORG](https://www.joinjuliana.org)

...people sued the US Government to demand action on climate change in a case called **Juliana v. U.S.**

# Oral argument in Portland in June

*Watch Youth v. Gov trailer*





# Sunrise Climate Movement



“Where fossil fuel projects go to die”

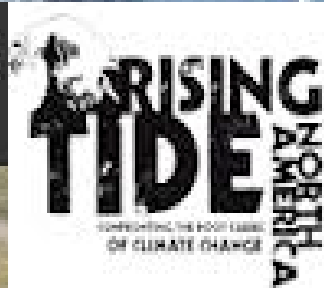
# THE THIN GREEN LINE

From gateway to chokehold





**VICTORY!** Oregon officially rejects coal exports



# PORTLAND



# A CALL TO ACTION FOR UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS



Can every professor give class and credit opportunities to work on climate action?

# Civil Disruption (Peaceful)





POLAR PIONEER  
MAJURO

# THE VALVE TURNERS

## THE RELUCTANT RADICAL

NO DISTINCTION DRAWING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE  
IN THE NORTH EAST OF IRELAND





March 15,  
2019









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AUNT FOR 350

WER STOP Global Warming 350

BIODIVERSITY WILL KEEP THE WORLD COOL & TO 350

Stop Global Warming

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TURN DOWN THE HEAT

GREEN PARTY VOTE 350

CUT CO2 GROW GREEN JOBS

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CO2 together

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Coal

Green Party of Colorado

Find your role.  
Claim your moment.  
Keep your focus.





Which future? Only this generation has the power to decide.

# OUR Last Stand

