

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
No. DA 23-0575

---

RIKKI HELD; et al.,

Plaintiffs and Appellees,

v.

STATE OF MONTANA, et al.,

Defendants and Appellants.

---

On appeal from the Montana First Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County  
Cause No. CDV 2020–307, the Honorable Kathy Seeley, Presiding

---

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL**

---

Austin Knudsen

*Montana Attorney General*

Michael D. Russell

Thane Johnson

*Assistant Attorneys General*

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PO Box 201401

Helena, MT 59620-1401

Phone: 406-444-2026

*michael.russell@mt.gov**thane.johnson@mt.gov*

Emily Jones

*Special Assistant Attorney General*

JONES LAW FIRM, PLLC

115 N. Broadway, Suite 410

Billings, MT 59101

Phone: 406-384-7990

*emily@joneslawmt.com*

Mark L. Stermitz

CROWLEY FLECK, PLLP

305 S. 4th Street E., Suite 100

Missoula, MT 59801-2701

Phone: 406-523-3600

*mstermitz@crowleyfleck.com*

Selena Z. Sauer

CROWLEY FLECK, PLLP

PO Box 759

Kalispell, MT 59903-0759

Phone: 406-752-6644

*ssauer@crowleyfleck.com*Attorneys for Defendant/Appellant  
State of Montana

Dale Schowengerdt  
LANDMARK LAW PLLC  
7 West 6th Ave., Suite 518  
Helena, MT 59601  
Phone: 406-457-5496  
*dale@landmarklawpllc.com*

Lee M. McKenna  
Staff Attorney  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Legal Unit, Metcalf Building  
PO Box 200901  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, Montana 59620-0901  
Phone: 406-444-6559  
*lee.mckenna@mt.gov*

Attorneys for Appellants-Defendants  
Governor Gianforte, Department of  
Environmental Quality, Department of  
Natural Resources and Conservation, and  
Montana Department of Transportation

Melissa Hornbein  
Barbara L. Chilcott  
WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL  
LAW CENTER  
103 Reeder's Alley  
Helena, MT 59601  
Phone: 406-708-3058  
*hornbein@westernlaw.org*  
*chillcott@westernlaw.org*

Roger Sullivan  
Dustin Leftridge  
McGARVEY LAW  
345 1st Avenue East  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
Phone: 406-752-5566  
*rsullivan@mcgarveylaw.com*  
*dleftridge@mcgarveylaw.com*

Nathan Bellinger (pro hac vice)  
Andrea Rodgers (pro hac vice)  
Julia Olson (pro hac vice)  
OUR CHILDREN'S TRUST  
1216 Lincoln Street  
Eugene, OR 97401  
Phone: 413-687-1668  
*nate@ourchildrenstrust.org*  
*andrea@ourchildrenstrust.org*  
*julia@ourchildrenstrust.org*

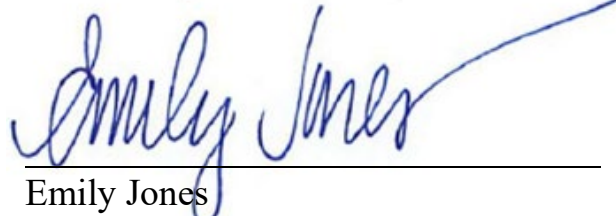
Philip L. Gregory (pro hac vice)  
GREGORY LAW GROUP  
1250 Godetia Drive  
Redwood City, CA 94062  
Phone: 650-278-2957  
*pgregory@gregorylawgroup.com*

Attorneys for Plaintiffs/Appellees

Appellants respectfully notify the Court and the parties that Emily Jones, Special Assistant Attorney General, withdraws as counsel of record in this case. Michael Russell, Thane Johnson, Mark L. Stermitz, Selena Z. Sauer, Dale Schowengerdt and Lee McKenna remain counsel of record for Appellants.

DATED this 31st day of December 2024.

Austin Knudsen  
MONTANA ATTORNEY GENERAL



Emily Jones  
*Special Assistant Attorney General*  
JONES LAW FIRM, PLLC  
115 N. Broadway, Suite 410  
Billings, MT 59101

Michael Russell  
Thane Johnson  
*Assistant Attorneys General*  
PO Box 201401  
Helena, MT 59620-1401

Mark L. Stermitz  
CROWLEY FLECK, PLLP  
305 S. 4th Street E., Suite 100  
Missoula, MT 59801-2701

Selena Z. Sauer  
CROWLEY FLECK, PLLP  
PO Box 759  
Kalispell, MT 59903-0759

Dale Schowengerdt  
LANDMARK LAW PLLC

7 West 6th Ave., Suite 518  
Helena, MT 59601  
Lee M. McKenna  
Staff Attorney  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Legal Unit, Metcalf Building  
PO Box 200901  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, Montana 59620-0901

ATTORNEYS FOR APPELLANTS

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Emily Jones, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Other - Other to the following on 12-31-2024:

Nathan Bellinger (Attorney)

1216 Lincoln St

Eugene OR 97401

Representing: Badge B., Lander B., Lilian D., Ruby D., Georgianna Fischer, Kathryn Grace Gibson-Snyder, Rikki Held, Taleah Hernandez, Jeffrey K., Mika K., Nathaniel K., Eva L., Sariel Sandoval, Kian T., Olivia Vesovich, Claire Vlasses

Service Method: eService

Andrea K. Rodgers (Attorney)

3026 NW Esplanade

Seattle WA 98117

Representing: Badge B., Lander B., Lilian D., Ruby D., Georgianna Fischer, Kathryn Grace Gibson-Snyder, Rikki Held, Taleah Hernandez, Jeffrey K., Mika K., Nathaniel K., Eva L., Sariel Sandoval, Kian T., Olivia Vesovich, Claire Vlasses

Service Method: eService

Roger M. Sullivan (Attorney)

345 1st Avenue E

MT

Kalispell MT 59901

Representing: Badge B., Lander B., Lilian D., Ruby D., Georgianna Fischer, Kathryn Grace Gibson-Snyder, Rikki Held, Taleah Hernandez, Jeffrey K., Mika K., Nathaniel K., Eva L., Sariel Sandoval, Kian T., Olivia Vesovich, Claire Vlasses

Service Method: eService

Melissa Anne Hornbein (Attorney)

103 Reeder's Alley

Helena MT 59601

Representing: Badge B., Lander B., Lilian D., Ruby D., Georgianna Fischer, Kathryn Grace Gibson-Snyder, Rikki Held, Taleah Hernandez, Jeffrey K., Mika K., Nathaniel K., Eva L., Sariel Sandoval, Kian T., Olivia Vesovich, Claire Vlasses

Service Method: eService

Philip L. Gregory (Attorney)

1250 Godetia Drive

Woodside CA 94062

Representing: Badge B., Lander B., Lilian D., Ruby D., Georgianna Fischer, Kathryn Grace Gibson-Snyder, Rikki Held, Taleah Hernandez, Jeffrey K., Mika K., Nathaniel K., Eva L., Sariel Sandoval, Kian T., Olivia Vesovich, Claire Vlasses  
Service Method: eService

Barbara L Chillcott (Attorney)  
103 Reeder's Alley  
Helena MT 59601

Representing: Badge B., Lander B., Lilian D., Ruby D., Georgianna Fischer, Kathryn Grace Gibson-Snyder, Rikki Held, Taleah Hernandez, Jeffrey K., Mika K., Nathaniel K., Eva L., Sariel Sandoval, Kian T., Olivia Vesovich, Claire Vlasses  
Service Method: eService

Dustin Alan Richard Leftridge (Attorney)  
345 First Avenue East  
Montana  
Kalispell MT 59901

Representing: Badge B., Lander B., Lilian D., Ruby D., Georgianna Fischer, Kathryn Grace Gibson-Snyder, Rikki Held, Taleah Hernandez, Jeffrey K., Mika K., Nathaniel K., Eva L., Sariel Sandoval, Kian T., Olivia Vesovich, Claire Vlasses  
Service Method: eService

Michael D. Russell (Govt Attorney)  
215 N Sanders  
Helena MT 59620  
Representing: State of Montana  
Service Method: eService

Mark L. Stermitz (Attorney)  
101 E. Front Street  
Suite 301  
Missoula MT 59802  
Representing: State of Montana  
Service Method: eService

Thane P. Johnson (Govt Attorney)  
215 N SANDERS ST  
P.O. Box 201401  
HELENA MT 59620-1401  
Representing: State of Montana  
Service Method: eService

Selena Zoe Sauer (Attorney)  
1667 Whitefish Stage Rd.  
#101  
Kalispell MT 59901-2173  
Representing: State of Montana  
Service Method: eService

Dale Schowengerdt (Attorney)

7 West 6th Avenue, Suite 518

Helena MT 59601

Representing: Greg Gianforte, MT Dept Environmental Quality, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, MT Dept of Transportation

Service Method: eService

Lee M. McKenna (Govt Attorney)

1520 E. Sixth Ave.

HELENA MT 59601-0908

Representing: MT Dept Environmental Quality

Service Method: eService

Quentin M. Rhoades (Attorney)

430 Ryman St.

2nd Floor

Missoula MT 59802

Representing: Friends of the Court

Service Method: eService

Brian P. Thompson (Attorney)

PO Box 1697

Helena MT 59624

Representing: Treasure State Resource Association of Montana

Service Method: eService

Steven T. Wade (Attorney)

PO Box 1697

Helena MT 59624

Representing: Treasure State Resource Association of Montana

Service Method: eService

Hallee C. Frandsen (Attorney)

PO Box 1697

800 N. Last Chance Gulch, Ste. 101

Helena MT 59624

Representing: Treasure State Resource Association of Montana

Service Method: eService

Keeley Cronin (Attorney)

c/o Baker & Hostetler LLP

1801 California Street, Suite 4400

Denver CO 80202

Representing: The Frontier Institute

Service Method: eService

Lindsay Marie Thane (Attorney)

1211 SW 5th Ave

#1900

Portland OR 97204  
Representing: Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC  
Service Method: eService

Ryen L. Godwin (Attorney)  
1420 Fifth Ave., Ste. 3400  
Seattle WA 98101  
Representing: Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC  
Service Method: eService

Matthew Herman Dolphay (Attorney)  
401 N. 31st Street, Suite 1500  
P.O. Box 639  
Billings MT 59103-0639  
Representing: Montana Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce of The United States of America, Billings Chamber of Commerce, Helena Chamber of Commerce, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
Service Method: eService

Frederick M. Ralph (Attorney)  
125 Bank Street  
Suite 600  
Missoula MT 59802  
Representing: Northwestern Corporation  
Service Method: eService

John Kent Tabaracci (Attorney)  
208 N. Montana Ave. #200  
Helena MT 59601  
Representing: Northwestern Corporation  
Service Method: eService

Abby Jane Moscatel (Attorney)  
PO Box 931  
Lakeside MT 59922  
Representing: Montana Senate President as Officer of the Legislature and Speaker of the House of Representatives as Officer of the Legislature  
Service Method: eService

Timothy M. Bechtold (Attorney)  
PO Box 7051  
317 East Spruce Street  
Missoula MT 59807  
Representing: Public Health Experts and Doctors  
Service Method: eService

James H. Goetz (Attorney)  
PO Box 6580  
Bozeman MT 59771-6580

Representing: Environmental and Constitutional Law Professors'  
Service Method: eService

Lawrence A. Anderson (Attorney)  
Attorney at Law, P.C.  
P.O. Box 2608  
Great Falls MT 59403-2608  
Representing: Former Justices  
Service Method: eService

John Martin Morrison (Attorney)  
401 North Last Chance Gulch  
P.O. Box 557  
Helena MT 59624-0557  
Representing: Children's Rights Advocates  
Service Method: eService

Paul J. Lawrence (Attorney)  
1191 Second Avenue  
Suite 2000  
Seattle WA 98101  
Representing: Outdoor Recreation Industry  
Service Method: eService

Amanda D. Galvan (Attorney)  
P.O. Box 4743  
Bozeman MT 59772-4743  
Representing: Tribal and Conservation  
Service Method: eService

Jenny Kay Harbine (Attorney)  
P.O. Box 4743  
Bozeman MT 59772-4743  
Representing: Tribal and Conservation  
Service Method: eService

Justin P. Stalpes (Attorney)  
610 Professional Drive  
Bozeman MT 59718  
Representing: Trial Lawyers Association  
Service Method: eService

Domenic Cossi (Attorney)  
303 W. Mendenhall, Ste. 1  
Bozeman MT 59715  
Representing: Montana Outdoor Athletes  
Service Method: eService

Monte Tyler Mills (Attorney)

William H. Gates Hall  
Box 353020  
Seattle WA 98195-3020  
Representing: Denise Juneau, Kathryn Shanley, Native Nations in Montana  
Service Method: eService

Robert J. Guite (Attorney)  
4 Embarcadero Center, 17th Fl  
Sheppard Mullin  
San Francisco CA 94111  
Representing: Montana Interfaith Power and Light  
Service Method: eService

Alexander H. Rate (Attorney)  
713 Loch Leven Drive  
Livingston MT 59047  
Representing: American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Montana  
Service Method: eService

William W. Mercer (Attorney)  
401 North 31st Street  
Suite 1500  
PO Box 639  
Billings MT 59103-0639  
Representing: Chamber of Commerce of The United States of America, Billings Chamber of Commerce  
Service Method: eService

Juan Carlos Rodriguez (Interested Observer)  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Byron L. Trackwell (Amicus Curiae)  
7315 SW 23rd Court  
Topeka KS 66614  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Alex Guillen (Interested Observer)  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Jonathon Ambarian (Interested Observer)  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Julia A. Olson (Attorney)  
1216 Lincoln St.  
Eugene OR 97401  
Representing: Badge B., Lander B., Lilian D., Ruby D., Georgianna Fischer, Kathryn Grace Gibson-Snyder, Rikki Held, Taleah Hernandez, Jeffrey K., Mika K., Nathaniel K., Eva L., Sariel Sandoval, Kian T., Olivia Vesovich, Claire Vlases  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Shannon M. Heim (Attorney)  
208 N. Montana Ave.  
Suite 200  
Helena MT 59601-9760  
Representing: Northwestern Corporation  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Robert Cameron (Attorney)  
203 N. Ewing Street  
Helena MT 59601  
Representing: State of Alabama, State of Alaska, State of Arkansas, State of Idaho, State of North Dakota, State of Indiana, State of Mississippi, State of Missouri, State of Nebraska, State of South Carolina, State of South Dakota, State of Utah, State of Wyoming, Commonwealth of Virginia, State of Iowa  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Rebecca Leah Davis (Attorney)  
1939 Harrison St., Suite 150  
Oakland CA 94612  
Representing: Outdoor Recreation Industry  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Brian Flynn (Attorney)  
1939 Harrison St., Suite 150  
Oakland CA 94612  
Representing: Outdoor Recreation Industry  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Caleb Jaffe (Attorney)  
580 Massie Road  
Charlottesville VA  
Representing: Public Health Experts and Doctors  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Andrew B. Cashmore (Attorney)  
Prudential Tower  
800 Boylston St  
Boston MA 02199  
Representing: American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Montana  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Joshua Dulberg (Attorney)  
Prudential Tower  
800 Boylston St  
Boston MA 02459  
Representing: American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Montana  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Kaitlin R. O'Donnell (Attorney)  
1211 6th Ave  
New York NY 10036  
Representing: American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Montana  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Robert A. Skinner (Attorney)  
Prudential Tower  
800 Boylston St  
Boston MA 02199  
Representing: American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Montana  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Chris Winter (Attorney)  
University of Colorado Law School  
Wolf Law Building, 401 UCB  
Boulder CO 80309  
Representing: Montana Outdoor Athletes  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Sarah A. Matsumoto (Attorney)  
2450 Kittredge Loop Road  
Boulder CO 80309  
Representing: Montana Outdoor Athletes  
Service Method: E-mail Delivery

Electronically signed by Jami Westermeyer on behalf of Emily Jones  
Dated: 12-31-2024