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## **New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board Considers Climate Change Petition Brought By 28 Youth**

**WHAT:** The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) has put the [climate change rulemaking petition](#), brought by 28 New Mexico youth, on the agenda for its meeting on Friday. Several of the youth, along with their attorney, will comment on why the EIB should consider their petition.

On June 27, 2017, 28 New Mexico youth and the nonprofit organization WildEarth Guardians submitted a climate change petition for rulemaking to the Environmental Improvement Board of New Mexico. The petitioners argue that their statutory, constitutional and public trust rights are being violated by the New Mexico government's creation of climate danger. Their petition requests that the state carry out its statutory, constitutional, and public trust obligations to implement an effective CO2 and GHG reduction strategy based on the best climate science.

The petition 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.

**WHEN:** **Friday, August 25, 9:30 - 11:30 am MDT**

**WHERE:** State Capitol Building, Room 307, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM

**WHO:** Several of the 28 youth petitioners, along with their attorney

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***WildEarth Guardians** is a nonprofit environmental conservation and advocacy organization based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Guardians works to replace fossil fuels with clean, renewable energy in order to safeguard public health, the environment, and the Earth's climate for future generations. [www.wildearthguardians.org](http://www.wildearthguardians.org)*

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