

*The New York Times* calls *Held v. State of Montana* "Landmark Climate Case"!



*“Badge, left, and Lander Busse, teenage plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the state of Montana saying it violates the state Constitution that guarantees ‘the right to a clean and healthful environment.’” Photo Credit: Matthew Hamon for [The New York Times](#)*

**“A lot of this is just rooted in how many Montanans, including us, live life on an everyday basis, and how ingrained the wildlife and the land and the nature is in who we are.”** – Lander Busse, one of 16 young Montanans who have sued their state.

**“There have been almost no trials on climate change. This is the**

**first that will get into the merits of climate change and what needs to be done, and how the state may have to change its policies.”** – Michael Gerrard, director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School.

**“In the courtroom, the truth still matters.”** – Nate Bellinger, lead Montana attorney at Our Children’s Trust.

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