The Annual Report features a selection of the many victories from last fiscal year. Find additional highlights from 2023 in our online Year in Review:

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Alaska’s Brooks Range marks a transition from the forested taiga to the tundra at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Earthjustice, in coordination with our clients and allies, defends the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from fossil fuel development.
A Letter from Our President and Board Chair

Over the last year, we saw climate action accelerate. Decision-makers are embracing policy innovation at a pace we have never seen before, and we are witnessing real-time construction of a new, clean economy. But even as ambition rises, we are not moving fast enough to meet our climate deadlines and address our intertwined crises for water and biodiversity.

The Earth has never needed good lawyers more — to strengthen laws, drive solutions in the U.S. and abroad, and block the bad ideas that will hold us back. As the U.S. Supreme Court targets bedrock environmental laws and the powers of Congress and the President to run a modern government, we are executing on a nationwide strategy to develop the law as favorably as we can while also building support for legislative repair.

In this extremely challenging time, your support helps us do more. We are putting your generous donations to work in 1,772 active matters on behalf of 657 clients.

With your help, Earthjustice staff are driving the essential transition to clean energy in states across the country and in key regions globally, including Latin America, Australia, Indonesia, and Africa. This is roll-up-your-sleeves work to retire dirty power plants and eliminate the barriers to building transmission and other clean energy infrastructure quickly. This is vanguard work to zero out emissions from cars, trucks, buses, rail ports, buildings, and heavy industry. This is hard-fought work to block fossil fuels expansion.

With your help, we are making historic progress in curbing deadly pollution and keeping people safe from toxic chemicals, including lead, PFAS, and cancer-causing petrochemicals. And we are winning long-standing battles for precious places including the Tongass, Bristol Bay, and the Boundary Waters, while expanding our work to preserve and restore healthy ecosystems and species abundance.

Across the board, we are making gains because we have the honor of representing extraordinary clients and coalitions, always for free. With your help, we have the privilege to work with so many leaders who are making a difference, and that is the inspiration that drives us.

Thank you for your confidence in Earthjustice.

Abigail Dillen
President

Stuart Clarke
Chair of the Board of Trustees
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Healthy Communities

In the future we are building, laws and regulations will deliver real-world health protections for everyone. Earthjustice and our partners work tirelessly for legal standards that make people of all races, nationalities, and income levels equally safe from toxic exposure. We are building a future where justice is truly for all.

The now-closed Waukegan Generating Station on Lake Michigan in Waukegan, Ill. The EPA’s proposed revisions to the federal safeguards for coal ash address the plant’s waste along with hundreds of other legacy dumpsites.

Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice
Keeping Us Safe

Congress passed environmental laws to protect public health. But polluters do everything they can to prevent strong enforcement of the law. Earthjustice works alongside communities most affected in decades-long struggles to ensure that environmental laws deliver on their promise of healthier communities.

In the case of coal ash, we’ve been on the ground with our partners since before the disastrous 2008 spill in Kingston, Tennessee. We sued the EPA to demand regulation of coal ash, resulting in the first-ever safeguards in 2015. Ever since, we have sued to close regulatory loopholes and are now heralding big wins to protect community health.
Case in Point
Closing the Last Loopholes for Toxic Coal Ash

When Earthjustice senior counsel Lisa Evans visited neighborhoods polluted by coal ash in the 2000s, she listened. “We’d hear residents asking how they could get justice,” Evans said. “We built our advocacy around their experiences.”

Fast forward to 2023. At a public hearing in Chicago, community advocates filled the room, ready to give testimony on how coal ash has devastated their families and communities. Thanks to our decades-long advocacy with community partners, the EPA is finally fulfilling its obligation to protect people from carcinogenic and neurotoxic coal ash by closing regulatory loopholes. Soon, safeguards will be required at hundreds of previously exempted sites across 41 states. When this rule becomes law, we and our partners will have secured the tools we need to hold coal-fired power plant polluters accountable for their poisonous legacy.

Julie Bledsoe testifies at the EPA’s public hearing on coal ash in Chicago, Ill. Both Bledsoe’s husband and brother-in-law experienced severe health declines after working to clean up the aftermath of the Kingston coal ash spill. Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice
OCT 2022: First steps to regulate lead in aviation gasoline
Pushed the EPA to propose an "endangerment finding" on leaded aviation gasoline, which it finalized in Oct 2023, marking progress in protecting communities from the largest source of lead emissions in the U.S.

SEP 2022: Clean air in St. James Parish, Louisiana
Blocked two proposed petrochemical facilities that threatened to pollute the air in St. James Parish, Louisiana.

DEC 2022: Clean water in Texas’ Matagorda Bay shipping channel
Halted dredging in the shipping channel, preventing mercury contamination, harm to people working in the fishing industry, and increased greenhouse gas emissions.

MAR 2023: First nationwide limits on PFAS in drinking water
With our partners, urged the EPA to propose the first nationwide limits on the amount of six PFAS chemicals allowed in drinking water.

MAR 2023: Regulations on slaughterhouse water pollution
Through litigation, pushed the EPA to finalize new water pollution control regulations for slaughterhouses and animal rendering facilities by Aug 2025.

APR 2023: Emission limits for ethylene oxide pollution
Sued to ensure the EPA propose protective emission limits for the potent carcinogen used to sterilize medical equipment.
“We’re not only shutting down U.S. coal-fired power plants; we’re ensuring that plant owners clean up their toxic mess.”

Lisa Evans, senior counsel

Earthjustice senior counsel Lisa Evans, an expert in hazardous waste law, testifies at the EPA’s public hearing on coal ash in Chicago, Ill. Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice

**AUG 2023: Stricter standards for lead dust**

Through litigation with partners, demanded the EPA propose a rule deeming any amount of lead dust found in schools, day care centers, and homes a “lead hazard.”
Earthjustice and our partners’ shared goal is to secure a swift and equitable transition to 100% clean energy.

To get there, we engage in an array of necessary, parallel fights. Among them: establishing a clean electricity grid by 2035; electrifying everything with clean power; and stopping fossil fuel expansion.

An expansive portfolio of intersecting initiatives moves us steadily toward our ambitious goal.

Progress Rail’s EMD Joule Battery Electric Locomotive. Progress Rail
Zero-Emissions Transportation

Our transportation systems — which are currently the top contributors to climate change — are transforming.

By 2035 all the new cars sold in California will be zero-emissions. By 2036 all new trucks sold in California will be zero-emissions, and so far, 13 states have enacted the same standards or are in the process of doing so. Now, trains must start shifting to cleaner, safer, zero-emissions technology. Earthjustice is working in lockstep with partners who have the most at stake, and together we are securing new laws and spurring market shifts that reverberate across the country, all in the interest of protecting public health and our climate.
Case in Point
Railyard Neighbors Win on Clean Air and Climate

California communities near railyards have been breathing in dangerous levels of diesel pollution for decades. Earthjustice is working with several community groups to fight back. For example, we’ve partnered with Los Angeles-based East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, an organization which was founded partly in response to a railyard operating just feet from people’s backyards.

Alongside our partners, we urged California’s state air regulator to adopt a regulation ensuring that every train operating in the state emits zero pollution. We submitted reports and comment letters highlighting the zero-emissions rail technology that has been in use for over a century around the world. We educated decision makers. And we elevated this important issue through national media coverage. Thanks in large part to Earthjustice and our partners, California adopted the first zero-emissions locomotive rule in the nation.

The rule will cut greenhouse gas emissions from locomotives by massive levels — the equivalent of removing all heavy-duty trucks from the state by 2030.

Taylor Thomas, Co-Director of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice. The group is a longtime partner in taking on some of California’s biggest air pollution problems. Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice
“The locomotive rule is the single largest emissions reduction effort in California’s plan to meet clean air standards.”

**Yasmine Agelidis**, senior attorney

**AUG 2022: Net-Zero Buildings**
New construction and significant renovations to most buildings in Washington D.C. must be completed under a “net-zero emissions” energy standard starting in 2027.

**NOV 2022: Solar for Everyone**
Hawai‘i allows “bring your own device” rooftop solar programs.

**DEC 2022: Electric Mail Trucks**
The U.S. Postal Service agrees to purchase mostly electric trucks, which will transform one of the largest delivery fleets in the nation.

**AUG 2022: Zero-Emissions Cars**
By 2035 all the new cars sold in California will be zero emissions.

**Earthjustice senior attorney**
Yasmine Agelidis. Yasmine was the lead attorney on the locomotives rule. Chris Jordan-Bloch / Earthjustice
**APR 2023: All-Electric Buildings**
First statewide requirement for new buildings in New York to be powered only by electricity.

**APR 2023: Zero-Emissions Trains**
Locomotive rule passes in California requiring a shift to zero-emissions rail.

**APR 2023: Zero-Emissions Trucks**
Colorado is on the way to adopting clean trucks rules, which require manufacturers to sell a growing percentage of zero-emissions trucks each year.

**JUN 2023: Carbon-Free Future**
The largest utility in Washington state is ordered to make sweeping changes to comply with mandates that the state's electricity supply be 80% clean and carbon-neutral by 2030 and 100% carbon-free by 2045.

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**90%**
reduction of cancer risk
for residents within one mile of railyards

**3200**
premature deaths prevented each year

**1500**
hospitalizations prevented each year

**$32B**
in health savings

**What zero-emissions rail means for Californians' health**
In August 2022, the U.S. enacted a landmark law that makes historic investments in clean energy, climate solutions, and environmental justice. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) creates a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make massive changes while we can still avert the worst harms of our climate crisis. But this law is not self-executing, and it contains concessions for fossil fuels that could enable continued reliance on dirty energy. Earthjustice was built for this moment. We bring the power of partnership and decades of legal expertise to the venues where the promise of the IRA can be brought to bear and where we can prevent further entrenchment of fossil fuels.
IRA FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

- $53M for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- $3B for the U.S. Postal Service to electrify its fleet
- $20B over invested in wind projects
- $3B for community-led environmental and climate justice projects
- $27B for 132 air monitoring projects so that communities know what is in the air they breathe
In the Midwest, we challenged the Indiana Michigan Power Company’s plans to replace coal power with methane gas power. On our last day presenting evidence, the IRA was signed into law, and Earthjustice attorneys wasted no time. We pointed out that, among other issues, the utility’s argument that gas was more cost-effective than clean energy could no longer be supportable given the IRA’s investments in renewables. After our challenge, the power company reduced the new gas capacity in its proposed plans by nearly 50%. We’ve continued our work in more than 80 other proceedings with public utility and public service commissions to ensure that — since the day it was signed into law — the IRA is considered in energy planning. While fossil fuels have an incumbent advantage, the IRA has accelerated our transition to a future in which clean energy is the norm.

**Case in Point**
A Level Playing Field for Renewables

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Moving Forward with Clean Energy Infrastructure

Right now, the U.S. electric grid is at capacity, and thousands of wind, solar, and battery storage projects are waiting to connect to it. For the IRA to make real progress, we must build out our clean energy infrastructure. This includes rapidly adding thousands of miles of power lines to transmit more renewable energy across the nation. But achieving a speedy buildout will require big changes to how we plan, pay for, and permit transmission infrastructure.

We are continuing our work with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Biden administration, and Congress to push for necessary reforms that prioritize community engagement and protections for communities and conservation areas. Our role is unique; in addition to litigating to secure essential reforms, we serve to bridge the gap between our partners, energy developers, and federal decision-makers. Together, we can build a modern, clean, and just energy system that serves us all.

How We Work to Implement the IRA

With the most robust public interest energy practice in the world, we are using many tactics to ensure the IRA is implemented well. Here are a few examples:

**Guardrails for Clean Energy Tax Credits**
We are pushing to ensure new hydrogen production tax credits go only to hydrogen that truly drives down emissions.

**Power Line Siting**
We are bringing to bear our technical and legal expertise to ensure that nearly $760 million for power line siting funds projects that can help deliver a 100% clean electricity energy grid by 2030.
In the IRA, leasing for new wind power projects is tied to leasing for oil and gas projects, including mandated lease sales in Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. The law also contains subsidies through uncapped tax credits for hydrogen and carbon capture technologies that promise to reduce carbon emissions but could actually do the opposite, including by enabling more fossil fuel projects when we need to shift to 100% clean energy.

Earthjustice has worked for decades to build an energy system that leaves fossil fuels in our past. We are working with longstanding partners to wind down federal fossil fuel leasing and challenge new leasing, drilling, and all other projects that would slow our transition to a 100% clean energy future.

We have the robust program and regional partnerships needed to oppose the IRA’s concessions to fossil fuel interests.

Building a Future Without Fossil Fuels

Pollution Monitoring
We are supporting the implementation of new pollution-monitoring programs to prioritize disadvantaged communities.

Clean Energy Jobs
We are advocating for utilities to pursue tax credit bonuses by building clean energy projects in communities that relied on fossil fuel sector jobs but now have high unemployment rates.
Restoration of our planet’s biodiversity is still possible. Beyond preserving magnificent places and wildlife, Earthjustice and our partners are working to create the conditions for regeneration. We are working for a necessary sea change in the way we steward our lands, waters, and oceans. We are defending our bedrock laws, building the political will to repair the damage of recent Supreme Court decisions, and pursuing new legal avenues to protect our web of life. Just as climate change touches all of our work, so does the threat of mass extinction and ecosystem collapse. Across all of our programs, we are bringing to bear a holistic focus on healthy ecosystems and the rebounding abundance of species.
A Holistic Response to Defend Biodiversity

Preserving ecosystems benefits everyone, but interested parties don’t always agree on how to do it. Since 1971, Earthjustice has convened groups from all corners of the environmental movement to strategically protect biodiversity. In the 1980s we sparked policy innovation that changed the facts on the ground by defending old-growth forests in the Northwest. Now we’re in partnership to safeguard migratory flyways and address threats to salmon, waterways, and community health. With every case, we and our partners are fortifying the web of life upon which we all depend.
Case in Point
Restoring the Snake River

To lose salmon is to lose an indispensable part of the ecosystem and way of life in the Northwest. But for salmon to thrive, they need free-flowing water. For decades, profit-minded utilities and industrial agriculture interests sought to keep four harmful dams on the Lower Snake River. Partnering with the Nez Perce Tribe, the State of Oregon, and clients from the fishing, clean energy, and conservation communities, we have worked for over 25 years to breach those dams and restore the river to abundance.

Now, we are reaching a tipping point. Our collective tenacity has spurred an effort with the Biden administration to remove the dams, replace their services, and restore the river and its salmon populations. Never has there been greater momentum to honor our commitments to Tribes, support salmon survival, and recover an entire river basin from inland Idaho to the Pacific Ocean. Our fight for the Snake builds on our legacy of ecosystem restoration and will secure the river for generations to come.

“Our 30-year campaign to un-dam the Lower Snake River could spur one of the greatest river restorations ever.”

Amanda Goodin, senior attorney

Sockeye salmon swim in a tributary of the Snake River in Idaho. Salmon will have greater access to spawning grounds in Idaho if the Lower Snake River dams are removed. Michael Quinton
**NOV 2022: Protections for red knots and their food supply**

Blocked a bait harvest of female horseshoe crabs in Delaware Bay, sustaining the ESA-protected red knot’s food source.

The crabs’ eggs fuel a globally significant stopover habitat for migratory shorebirds.

**DEC 2022: Pollinator-killing pesticide reconsidered**

Pushed the EPA to reconsider use of the pollinator-killing pesticide sulfoxaflor.

When we protect pollinators, we protect healthy ecosystems and secure our food system: one out of every three bites of food we eat is thanks to their work.

**APR 2023: Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument expansion**

Defended expansion of the monument, guaranteeing protections for the incredible diversity of wildlife and plant species that depend on the monument’s ecological integrity.

**FEB 2023: ESA protections for the California spotted owl**

Secured protections for the owl that will also protect mature and old-growth forests in the Sierra Nevadas, carbon sinks critical to combating climate change.
With every case, we and our partners are fortifying the web of life upon which we all depend.

**AUG 2023: Western Arctic oil kept in the ground**
Blocked 88 Energy's Peregrine oil exploration program. The region is a critical refuge for wildlife and provides sustenance and spiritual connection for Indigenous people.

**SEP 2023: Boundary Waters safe from mining**
Protected Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from harmful copper mining.

The Boundary Waters contains more than 250 wildlife species, provides subsistence resources like wild rice to Indigenous Anishinaabe people, and is part of a 4-million-acre protected boreal forest ecosystem.

**SEP 2023: No drilling in Badger-Two Medicine**
Defended Montana's Badger-Two Medicine region from oil and gas drilling in a historic settlement of a 40-year fight.

Badger-Two Medicine provides clean drinking water to the Blackfeet Reservation and downstream communities and is an essential migration corridor for grizzly bears, elk, Canada lynx, wolverines, and many other species. It is one of the last strongholds for native westslope cutthroat trout.
Power of the Law

Earthjustice and our partners are working to ensure that our legal and judicial systems protect our environment.

To get there, we are mobilizing the public to advocate for new regulations and enforcement of current regulations. We are reinforcing, expanding, and explaining the regulatory authority of federal agencies. And we are ensuring that courts and judges understand the importance of environmental regulation and the need for environmental justice. With the force of our entire base combined with winning strategies, we can create new systems that favor an equitable, habitable planet for all.

Rebecca Curry, Earthjustice’s Colorado policy advocate, in front of the Colorado State Capitol Building in Denver. Kevin Mohatt for Earthjustice
States Leading the Way

The federal government is just one of the players in our system of environmental protection. States have the authority to go above and beyond federal laws, and can quickly respond to new threats. Earthjustice takes advantage of that dynamic by translating community demands and movement power into effective and enforceable rules. And it’s working; when we help state lawmakers understand the needs of our partners on the frontlines, they write more effective laws. And we use progress in one state to drive progress in others. So far, Earthjustice has used this approach to shape environmental laws in California, Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Washington state.
Case in Point
Newfound Power for New Jersey’s Frontline Communities

New Jersey has a first-in-the-nation law — and now the regulations to implement it — that says enough is enough when it comes to environmental injustice. Under the new rules, industry can’t build new facilities that add more pollution to communities that are already impacted the most by industrial pollution.

Working with the Ironbound Community Corporation, South Ward Environmental Alliance, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, and Clean Water Action, Earthjustice helped fight for robust regulations to bring this law to life. Together we successfully urged New Jersey’s regulators to promulgate the strongest and most protective rules possible, while warding off an attempt by industrial groups to write in an enormous loophole.

It took many hours of public hearings and stakeholder meetings, intensive drafting of public comments, and hundreds of pages of supporting data. But we secured first-of-their-kind environmental justice rules that equip New Jersey communities to defend their health and well-being.

In the Ironbound neighborhood of Newark, New Jersey, people gather for a rally protesting a proposed sludge facility and the extension of a gas plant in the community.

Kenia Betancur for Earthjustice
The Public Interest, Loud and Clear

The last fiscal year was marked by hostility toward environmental law. Among other attacks, the U.S. House of Representatives aimed to gut the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), while the Supreme Court undermined the EPA’s ability to enforce bedrock environmental laws.

But these threats become powerful calls to action. The constituency for a just and habitable planet is multiplying as climate consequences and environmental injustices intensify, and Earthjustice has become an authority for this growing base. As trusted experts in the news, on social media, and on the ground, we are concentrating the collective power of environmentally minded people across the nation. From demanding electrification of the U.S. Postal Service fleet to condemning the Willow oil and gas project, constituents joined our campaigns en masse, causing the largest spike of activity in our 20+ years of digital advocacy. With Earthjustice’s network readily mobilized, decision-makers have been put on notice like never before.

Our leaders will only deliver on their environmental promises if we hold them to account.

**People Power by the Numbers**

1.8M digital advocacy actions* taken in FY23

80% increase in digital advocacy actions from FY22

282K messages sent to lawmakers denouncing the Willow Project

* e.g., constituent calls to Congressional representatives, public comments submitted to government agencies
For as long as Earthjustice has been a force in the courtroom, we’ve also been building enduring relationships with clients and partners. We work alongside tribes, conservationists, grassroots organizers, and many others to ensure that we represent the needs of entire communities. Our partners inform strategy, such as where power is concentrated in local energy decision-making. Clients bring firsthand testimony to the venues where they must be centered — not only to enforce environmental protections, but to strengthen them. We are proud to represent our clients free of charge, and we couldn’t do it any other way.

In addition to the hundreds of clients listed here, whom we formally represented in Fiscal Year 2023, there are scores of others with whom we partner, co-counsel, and ally to achieve our goals.

Changemakers call for the EPA to hold utilities accountable for their coal ash pollution on the day of an in-person public hearing in Chicago. Jamie Kelter Davis for Earthjustice
EPA: *Make power plants clean up their coal ash*
350 Colorado
350 Eugene
350 Louisiana
350 Montana
350 New Orleans
350 Tacoma

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A Community Voice
Advance Carolina
Advanced Energy United
Advocates for a Cleaner Tacoma
Air Alliance Houston
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Alaska Longline
Fishermen’s Association
Alaska Rainforest Defenders
Alaska Wilderness League
Albany County Legislature, District 2, NY
Alianza Comunitaria
Ambiental del Sureste
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
Alliance for Affordable Energy
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Alpine Club
American Beekeeping Federation
American Bird Conservancy
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
American Lung Association
American Medical Women’s Association
American Prairie
American Public Health Association
American Rivers
Amigos Bravos
Amigos del Rio Guaynabo, Inc.
Anacostia Riverkeeper
Anacostia Watershed Society
Animal Legal Defense Fund
Antibiotic Resistance Action Center
Apalachicola Riverkeeper
Appalachian Citizens’ Law Center
Appalachian Mountain Club
Appalachian Voices
Arbor Hill Development Corporation
Ashurst Bar/Smith Community Organization
Association of Irritated Residents
Association of Village Council Presidents
Atchafalaya Basinkeeper
Audubon Alaska
Audubon Society of the Everglades
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Bay Mills Indian Community
Bayou City Waterkeeper
Beacon Hill Counsel
Beyond Pesticides
Beyond Plastics
Beyond Toxics
Black Parents United Foundation
Blackfeet Headwaters Alliance
Blue Planet Foundation
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
BlueGreen Alliance
Breach Collective
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners
Brookhaven Landfill Action and Remediation Group
Buckeye Environmental Network
Baffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
Buxmont Coalition for Safer Water

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Cabinet Resource Group
California Communities Against Toxics
California Environmental Justice Alliance
California Federation of Teachers
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
California Wilderness Coalition
Californians for Pesticide Reform
Californians for Renewable Energy
CAMBIO
Campamento Contra las Cenizas en Peñuelas, Inc.
Carrizo/Comanche Nation of Texas
Cascabel Conservation Association
Cascadia Wildlands
CATA
Cathedral of Faith, COG
Cathedral of Praise COGIC, International
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Climate Integrity
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice
Center for Environmental Health
Center for Farmworker Families
Center for Farmworker Safety
Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice
Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment
Central California Asthma Collaborative
Central California Environmental Justice Network
Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy
Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Central Louisiana Coalition for a Clean & Healthy Environment
Central Valley Air Quality Coalition
Centreville Citizens for Change
Cherokee Concerned Citizens
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility
Chevak Native Village
Chevak Traditional Council
Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
Chilkat Indian Village of Klukwan
Chinatown-International District Coalition
Chuloonawick Tribal Council
Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana
Citizens for a Healthy Community
Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping
Citizens for Arsenal Accountability
Citizens for Clean Air
Citizens for Clean Energy
Citizens for Pennsylvania’s Future
City of Buenos Aires, Argentina
City of eThekwini (Durban), South Africa
City of Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa
Clark Fork Coalition
Clean Air Action Network of Glens Falls
Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York
Clean Air Council
Clean Cape Fear
Clean Energy Buyers Association
Clean Energy Group
Clean Power Lake County
Clean Water Action
Clean Wisconsin
CleanAirNow
Climate + Energy Project
Climate Access Fund
Climate Health Now
Climate Solutions
Coalición de Organizaciones Anti-Incineración, Inc.
Coalition For A Safe Environment
Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy
Coalition for Clean Air
Coalition of Communities of Color
Colorado Latino Forum
Columbia Riverkeeper
Comité Caborrojeño Pro Salud y Ambiente Inc.
Comité Dialogo Ambiental, Inc.
Comité Progreso de Lamont
Comité Yabucoeño Pro-Calidad de Vida, Inc.
Commission Shift
Committee for a Better Arvin
Committee for a Better Shafter
Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes
Communities for a Better Environment
Community Energy Project
Community In-Power and Development Association
Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Concerned Citizens of St. John
Concerned Ohio River Residents
Concilio de Iglesias de Puerto Rico
Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Conservation Colorado
Conservation Council for Hawai‘i
Conservation Law Foundation, Inc.
Conservation Northwest
Consumer Federation of America
Consumers Union
Cook Inletkeeper
Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport
Craig Tribal Association
Crossett Concerned Citizens for Environmental Justice
Cully Air Action Team
Cultivando
D
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability
Deep South Center for Environmental Justice
Defend Our Health
Defenders of Wildlife
Del Amo Action Committee
Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Democracy Green
Desert Citizens Against Pollution
Diné Citizens Against Ruining
Our Environment
Diving Equipment and Marketing Association
Don’t Waste Arizona, Inc.
Douglas Indian Association
Downwinders at Risk
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition
E
Earth Island Institute
Earthworks
East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
EcoCheyenne
Ecology Center
Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and Health Organization
El Centro de la Raza
El Puente, Inc., Enlace Latino de Acción Climática
Elyria and Swansea Neighborhood Association
Endangered Wolf Center
Energy Efficient West Virginia
Environment America
Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Health Strategy Center
Environmental Integrity Project
Environmental Justice Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform
Environmental Law and Policy Center
Environmental Protection Information Center
Environmental Transformation Movement of Flint
Eyak Preservation Council

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Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition
Families for Lead Freedom Now
Farmworker Association of Florida
Farmworker Justice Fund
Flint Rising
Florida Rising
Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc.
Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Food & Water Watch
Food Animal Concerns Trust
Footloose Montana
For a Better Bayou
For the Fishes
Fort Belknap Indian Community
Fort Berthold Protectors of Water and Earth Rights
Fossil Free Thompkins
Frente Unido Pro-Defensa del Valle de Lajas
Fresh Energy
FreshWater Accountability Project
Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness
Friends of the Clearwater
Friends of the Earth
Friends of the River
Friends of the San Juans
Friends of the Wild Swan
Frisco Unleaded
Front and Centered
Full Gospel Pentecostal COGIC

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Glacier-Two Medicine Alliance
Golden State Salmon Association
Grand Canyon Trust
Grand Valley Citizens Alliance
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Greater Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Green Science Policy Institute
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace, Inc.
Grid Alternatives
groundWork South Africa
Group Against Smog and Pollution
Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich’in Tribal Government

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Hanlon Park Improvement Association
Havasupai Tribe
Hawai‘i Solar Energy Association
Hawai‘i Wildlife Fund
HEAL Utah
Healthy Air and Water Colorado
Healthy Gulf
Healthy Homes Collaborative
Hermanas Dominicanas de la Sta. Cruz
High Country Conservation Advocates
Hillcrest Residents Association
Hispanic Federation
Honor the Earth
Hoonah Indian Community
Hoosier Environmental Council
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
Hualapai Tribe
Clients

Hui Ho’opulapula Nā Wai o Puna
Hui Ho’omalu i Ka ‘Āina
Hui Mālama Honokōhau
Hui o Nā Wai ‘Ehā
Humane Society of the United States
Hydaburg Cooperative Association

I
Idaho Conservation League
Idaho Rivers United
Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited
Idaho Wildlife Federation
Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) de Amelia
Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition
Indian People’s Action
Indonesian Center for Environmental Law
Institute for Energy and Environmental Research
Institute for Fisheries Resources
International Association of Fish Fighters
International Federation of Fly Fishers
International Wildlife Coexistence Network
Ironbound Community Corporation
Izaak Walton League of America

J
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance
Just Health Action
Justice and Beyond – New Orleans

K
Kachemak Bay Conservation Society
Kai Palaoa
Kasigluk Traditional Elders Council
Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
Kentucky Equal Justice Center
Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, Inc.
Kentucky Resources Council
Kentucky Solar Energy Society
Kentucky Waterways Alliance
Ketchikan Indian Community
Kids in Danger
Kingman Park Civic Association
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center
Klawock Cooperative Association
Kootenai Elders Committee
Ksanka Kupqa Xa’tsin

L
Labadie Environmental Organization
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Lake Maurepas Preservation Society
Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety & the Environment
League of Oil and Gas Impacted Coloradans
League of United Latin American Citizens
Learning Disabilities Association of America
Learning Disabilities Association of New York State
Living Rivers
Local Environmental Action Demanded (LEAD) Agency
Lost Hills In Action
Louisiana Bucket Brigade
Louisiana Environmental Action Network
Lower San Pedro Watershed Alliance
Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper
LULAC Florida
Lynn Canal Conservation

M
Mālama Kua’aina
Mālama Māku’u
Maricopa Audubon Society
Maryland Building
Performance Association
Maryland League of Conservation Voters
Maryland Pesticide Education Network
Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants
Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc.
Mayaguezanos por la Salud y el Ambiente, Inc.
Medical Advocates for Healthy Air
Mennonite Tribe of Wisconsin
Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water
Metlakatla Indian Community
Metropolitan Housing Coalition
Mexican Clean Energy Steering Committee
Mexican Climate Initiative
Mexican Ministry of Environment
Mi Familia Vota
Miami Waterkeeper
Michael J. Fox Foundation
Midwest Environmental Defense Center
Midwest Renewable Energy Association
Migrant Clinicians Network
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Missouri Coalition for the Environment Foundation
Moloka‘i Nō Ka Heke
Montana Audubon
Montana Conservation Voters
Montana Environmental Information Center
Montana Trout Unlimited
Montana Wilderness Association
Montana Wildlife Federation
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council
Montgomery County Green Bank
Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition
Mothers for Safe Air, Safe Water
Mothers Out Front
Mothers Out Front Colorado
Mountain Association
Mountain Watershed Association

N
Nā ’Ia‘i Kai
Nā Pā pa‘i Wāwae ‘Ula‘ula
NAACP
NAACP Denver
NAACP Eugene Springfield
National Audubon Society
National Consumer Law Center
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Housing Trust
National Parks Conservation Association
National PFAS Contamination Coalition
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Native Movement
Native Village of Eek
Native Village of Kwillingok
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Natural Resources Defense Council
Neighbors Against Phibro Tech
Neighbors for Clean Air
New Castle Prevention Coalition
New Jersey Audubon Society
New Jersey Citizen Action
New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance
New York City Coalition to End Lead Poisoning
New York City Environmental Justice Alliance
New York Community Garden Coalition
Newburgh Clean Water Project
Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment
No Waste Louisiana
North Gulfport Community Land Trust
North Oyster Bay Baymen’s Association
North Port St. Joe Project
Area Committee, Inc.
North Sound Baykeeper
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Northern Plains Resource Council
Northwest Energy Coalition
Northwest Sportfishing
Industry Association
Norton Bay Inter-Tribal
Watershed Council
NW Energy Coalition

Ocean Conservancy
Ocean Conservation Research
Oceana
Ohio Citizen Action
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
Orange RAPP
Oregon Aviation Watch
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Wild
Organized Village of Kake
Organized Village of Kasaan
Organized Village of Saxman
Orutsararmiut Native Council
Our Children’s Earth Foundation
Outstanding Grand Lake

Pace Energy and Climate Center
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations
Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association
Pacific Environment

Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers
Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Patagonia Area Resource Alliance
Patagonia Inc.
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
PEAK Coalition
PennEnvironment
PennFuture
People of Albany United for Safe Energy
People’s Collective for Environmental Justice
Pesticide Action Network
North America
Petersburg Indian Association
Philadelphia Solar Energy Association
Philly Thrive
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pikuni Traditionalist Association
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation
Plains Justice
Pōʻai Wai ʻOla
Pollinator Stewardship Council
Portland Clean Air
Portland Harbor Cleanup Coalition
Potomac Riverkeeper Network
Powder River Basin Resource Council
POWER Interfaith
Prairie Rivers Network
Prince of Peace, AOG
Progress Kentucky, LLC
Prosperity Works
Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian
PT AirWatchers
Public Citizen
Puget Soundkeeper Alliance
Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

A wolf running through a pond in Montana. Earthjustice has used the ESA to fight for wolf recovery for more than three decades. Megan Lorenz / Getty Images
A detail of staghorn coral in the Florida Keys. Earthjustice defends entire marine ecosystems by compelling enforcement of ESA protections for these corals. Carolyn Cole / Los Angeles Times via Getty Images

Q
Quinault Indian Nation

R
Rappahannock Tribe
RE Sources for Sustainable Communities
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
Redeemer Community Partnership
Rio Grande International Study Center
Rise St. James
River Valley Organizing Riverkeeper, Inc.
Rivers Without Borders
Rock Creek Alliance
Rocky Mountain Wild
Rogue Climate
Rural & Migrant Ministry
Rural Coalition
Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help
Russell Temple C.M.E.

S
Safe Ag Schools
Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families
Salmon for All
Salmon State
San Antonio Bay
Estuarine Waterkeeper
San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society
San Francisco Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility
San Francisco Baykeeper
San Juan Citizens Alliance
Sane Energy Project
Saratoga Sites Against Norlite Emissions
Save Lake Superior Association
Save Our Cabinets
Save Our County, Inc.
Save Our Creeks
Save Our Springs Alliance
Save Our Wild Salmon
Save the Colorado
Save the World’s Rivers
Seneca Lake Guardian
Shark Conservation Fund
Shiloh Baptist Church of Bridgeport
ShoreRivers
Sierra Club
Sierra Club de Puerto Rico
Sierra Club Foundation
Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Soda Mountain Wilderness Council
Sokaogon Chippewa Community
Solar Energy Industries Association
Solar United Neighbors
Sound Rivers
South Durban Community Environmental Alliance
South Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards
Southern Environmental Law Center
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Southeast Energy Efficiency Project
Southwest Environmental Center
Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life
Spokane Riverkeeper
Springfield Eugene Tenant Association
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
St. Francis Prayer Center
St. John’s Riverkeeper
Stand Earth
Standing Trees
Statewide Organizing for Community Empowerment
Suquamish Tribe
Surfrider Foundation
Sustainable Energy Economy Solutions
Sustainable FERC Project
Swan View Coalition
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Takshanuk Watershed Council
Tanana Chiefs Conference
Tennessee Clean Water Network Testing for Pease
Texas Campaign for the Environment
Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services
The Anointed Temple AOH Church of God
The Bay Institute
The Boat Company
The Hopi Tribe
The Moms on a Mission Hui
The Pew Charitable Trusts
THE POINT Community Development Corporation
The Steamboaters
The White Earth Band of Ojibwe
The Wilderness Society
Thiel Road Coalition
Tides Center
Tohono O’odham Nation
Tonawanda Seneca Nation
Toxic Free North Carolina
Toxic-Free Future
Trap Free Montana Public Lands
Trout Unlimited, Inc.
Tucson Audubon Society
Tulalip Tribes
Tulusak Native Community
Turtle Island Restoration Network
U.S. Public Interest Research Group
U.S. Right to Know
UnCruise Adventures
Union of Concerned Scientists
United Congregations of Metro-East
United Farm Workers Foundation
United Farm Workers of America
United Parents Against Lead National, Inc.
United South/Southwest - Coalition for Healthy Communities
Upper Missouri River Waterkeeper
UPROSE
Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment
Utah Rivers Council
Valley Organic Growers Association
Valley Watch
VAYLA New Orleans
Verde
Vessel Project of Louisiana
Voices in Solidarity Against Oil in Neighborhoods
Voltus, Inc.
Vote Solar
Wangan & Jagalingou Family Council
Washington Conservation Action
Washington Environmental Council
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
Washington Wildlife Federation
Waterkeeper Alliance
Waterkeepers Chesapeake
WaterWatch of Oregon
WE ACT for Environmental Justice
West Long Beach Association
West Maui Preservation Association
West Virginia Citizen Action Group
Western Colorado Alliance
Western Organization of Resource Councils
Western Resource Advocates
Western Watersheds Project, Inc.
White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
WildEarth Guardians
Wilderness Watch
Wilderness Workshop
Winnebago Winnebago Tribe
Winter Wildlands Alliance
Wolf Conservation Center
Wolves of the Rockies
Womens’ Earth and Climate Action Network
Womxn From the Mountain Worksafe, Inc.
Wrangell Cooperative Association
WRI-Mexico
Wyoming Outdoor Council
Yakutat Tlingit Tribe
Yurok Indian Tribe
Individuals
1 Resident of New York
1 Small Business in New Mexico
1 Wolf Recovery Leader
2 Advocates for Alaska Public Lands
2 Residents of Texas
2 Rooftop Solar Customers
3 Advocates for Uniontown, Alabama
3 Climate Advocates in Eugene, Oregon
3 Residential Solar Customers in Arizona
5 Residents of Hawai‘i
10 Residents of New Mexico
12 Children vs. Climate Crisis
14 Youth climate champions from Hawai‘i
The Moon House cliff dwellings on Cedar Mesa in Bears Ears National Monument, Utah. Earthjustice defends the Antiquities Act to preserve Bears Ears and other monuments nationwide.

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A herd of caribou in Alaska’s Western Arctic. Earthjustice defends the Western Arctic from fossil fuel development and other industrial encroachments. Kilii Yuyan for Earthjustice
Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Report

Last fiscal year, our donors’ collective generosity enabled Earthjustice’s 200 expert attorneys to represent the 641 clients listed in this report. Your dedication to and investment in our cause ensured that Earthjustice met the programmatic and financial challenges of the last year with clarity and confidence.

Inflation impacts and economic headwinds have been felt across the nonprofit sector, and yet, because of your steadfast support, we finished the fiscal year down only 8% in year-over-year contributions. With close fiscal monitoring and timely action, including a spend down from our Board-Designated Endowment, we were able to retain our most important asset — our inimitable staff — and, just as importantly, to provide uninterrupted services to our clients and partners.

Justice can’t wait for economic conditions to be right, and as we know better than most, climate impacts exacerbate financial uncertainty — causing an estimated $140B in damages from extreme weather annually. To meet the moment, our financial plans include an additional spend down of our endowment to continue to scale our work: We plan to make critical investments in our program teams and to shore up our systems to meet the demands of a fast-paced 560-person law firm. Enhanced capacity and sophisticated operations are imperative to our success, as we face entrenched and outsized opponents in the struggle for an equitable and habitable planet. We hope an ease in inflation and a rebound in donations will enhance our ambitions for growth this coming year.

As we sail against headwinds into the final year of the Never Rest™ campaign, your continued contributions propel us. With gratitude and fortitude, thank you for your support.

Stuart Clarke
Chair of the Board of Trustees
### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### Revenues

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<td>Bequests</td>
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<td>Donated services</td>
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<td>Court awards</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL REVENUES</strong></td>
<td><strong>$150,900,023</strong></td>
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#### Expenses

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<td>Litigation</td>
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<td>Donated litigation services</td>
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<td>Public information</td>
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<td><strong>Supporting services</strong></td>
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<td>Management &amp; general</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
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<td><strong>$158,385,625</strong></td>
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**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**  
$(7,485,602)$

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*Our Board-Designated Endowment funds ensure our ability to carry forward all of our cases to completion. In FY24, Earthjustice’s board authorized a $14 mil drawdown from the endowment to fund our operating budget. Elevated draws are planned to continue for the following three fiscal years before returning to the regularly budgeted 4% draw in FY28.*

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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### Assets

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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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<td>Other assets</td>
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<td>Split-interest gift agreements</td>
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<td>Operating right-of-use lease asset, net</td>
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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
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#### Liabilities

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<td>Operating Lease Liabilities</td>
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#### Net Assets*

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<td>Without donor restrictions</td>
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<td>For current operations</td>
<td>$16,597,654</td>
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<td>Board designated - Endowment Fund</td>
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<td>Investment in property and equipment</td>
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<td>Unspent purpose restricted fund</td>
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<td>Time restricted funds and investments</td>
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<td>Split-interest gift reserves, net of liabilities</td>
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<td>Endowment</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL NET ASSETS</strong></td>
<td><strong>$238,324,316</strong></td>
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**  
$294,773,000
A yellow pond-lily in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northern Minnesota. Earlier this year Earthjustice and our partners stopped a dangerous mining project planned for the area. Brad Zweerink / Earthjustice
Alaska’s Brooks Range marks a transition from the forested taiga to the tundra at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Earthjustice, in coordination with our clients and allies, defends the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from fossil fuel development. Kiliii Yuyan
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