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*Experts Comment on Atlantic Coast Pipeline Supreme Court Case & Bezos' Earth Fund*

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On Monday the Supreme Court will hear arguments in a major environmental case to determine if the Appalachian Trail can block the \$8 billion dollar Atlantic Coast natural gas pipeline.

University of Richmond environmental law professor [Noah Sachs](#) has been following this case closely and is available to comment. You can read his preview here: [SCOTUSblog](#).

*"The thing to watch in oral arguments will be how much weight the justices give to the Trails System Act. Does the administrative authority given in that act to the Secretary of the Interior supersede the jurisdiction of the Forest Service within a national forest? If so, how far does that administrative authority go?"* says Sachs.

In other environmental news, Jeff Bezos pledged to fight climate change this week by offering up \$10 billion to his new Earth Fund. University of Richmond climate scientist [David Kitchen](#), author of "[Global Climate Change: Turning Knowledge into Action](#)" is skeptical of its impact.

*"What we need to make significant progress is political change. We need bipartisan support for effective action that does not stop after the next election. The time for social advocacy is long past. All the information and data we need to make the case for climate action has been available for years,"* said Kitchen.

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