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RE: Greenpeace International Press Release: 2/3/21
[Court rules against French State in landmark climate case](#)

URGENT REQUEST/Time-sensitive: Save the Ancient Oaks in France

Immediate legal help from Greenpeace France and Greenpeace International is requested. Can you intervene to prevent the French state from sacrificing up to 1,500 ancient Oak trees to rebuild the spire of Notre Dame de Paris?

The first 8 Oaks have been identified in a press release by Quest France (March 5, 2021). They will be cut down in the upcoming week.
[Eight “exceptional” Sarthe oaks to bring the spire of Notre-Dame de Paris back to life](#)
The balance of the trees are slated to be cut before the end of March.

Efforts underway: A website dedicated to raising awareness and ways to take action including a [petition](#) have come together in a short time since a Guardian article ([France on hunt for centuries-old oaks to rebuild spire of Notre Dame](#), Feb. 16) was published in the U.S.

Website: [Save the Ancient Oaks](#)

Soon, a video will be released about the critical role Oak trees play in biodiversity. It essentially posits that it is possible to both spare the Oaks and restore the Cathedral using alternative resources that do not harm the planet.

Given the recent court victory holding the French state responsible for the climate crisis—and the intimate connection between Oaks as a Keystone species that protect biodiversity, which contributes to climate stability—would Greenpeace intervene before the first 8 Oaks are felled?

THANK YOU FOR WHATEVER YOU CAN DO!

Respectfully,

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