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ASPEN SKIING COMPANY FILES AMICUS BRIEF WITH UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Global Warming Lawsuit Called Most Important Environmental Case Ever to reach the Supreme Court

Aspen/Snowmass, Colo. September 1, 2006 – Last week, Aspen Skiing Company filed a brief to the US Supreme Court in support of twelve states and three conservation organizations that are suing the Environmental Protection Agency to require it to regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant. Aspen Skiing Company's "Amicus Brief" argues that climate change is a direct economic threat to the ski industry.

"To be involved with a Supreme Court case that is of critical importance to the future of the planet—that's exactly where we want to be," said Auden Schendler, ASC's director of environmental affairs. "This might be the most important action ASC has ever taken."

The case challenges EPA's 2003 decision that carbon dioxide (CO₂) is not a pollutant, arguing that the Environmental Protection Agency has clear authority under the Clean Air Act to set limits on carbon dioxide emissions. Because this is the first global warming case to be heard by the court it could heavily influence EPA and Congressional action on global warming in the future. Environmentalists are calling this the most important environmentally related case ever to be heard by the Supreme Court. Aspen Skiing Company's "Amicus" or "friend of the court" brief simply supports the lawsuit. Other briefs came from former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Calpine and Entergy, two of the largest utilities in the United States. Aspen Skiing Company is the only resort filing a brief.

Plaintiffs include 12 states (California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington), and several cities and conservation groups, including the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

A Press Teleconference was held on August 31 with key players discussing the policymaking, political, scientific, and legal implications of this important case. A full recording of the conference is available through Tuesday, September 5 by calling (888) 228-9795 and using Conference ID: 5432831. This is only available for credentialed members of the media.

Aspen Skiing Company continues to pursue environmental sustainability. In June 2006, ASC announced the company would meet 100 percent of electric needs with clean, renewable energy certificates, the largest purchase of wind energy credits in the industry at that time. In addition, the resort recently brought online the industry's largest solar photovoltaic system. Through, energy and water efficiency, green development, waste management, recycling and alternative transportation, Aspen Skiing Company's goal is to lead the ski industry toward more sustainable practices and provide working models transferable to any business. Details at www.aspensnowmass.com/environment.

Aspen Skiing Company operates four destination mountains – Snowmass, Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk – and is the home of the ESPN Winter X Games through 2010. Aspen/Snowmass also offers unparalleled nightlife and off-slope activities as well as four award-winning Ski & Snowboard Schools. Aspen/Snowmass is accessible by two of the most convenient airports in the mountains – Aspen Sardy Field (3 miles from Aspen) and Eagle County Airport (70 miles from Aspen). For more information on Aspen/Snowmass, please call 800/525-6200 or 970/925-1220, or visit the company's website at www.aspensnowmass.com.

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