## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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## FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK; NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, President; et al.,

Defendants-Appellees,

TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP; TC ENERGY CORPORATION,

Intervenor-Defendants-Appellees.

No. 20-36068

D.C. No. 4:19-cv-00028-BMM District of Montana, Great Falls

**ORDER** 

Before: RAWLINSON, CALLAHAN, and OWENS, Circuit Judges.

Appellees' motion to dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction (Docket Entry No. 19) is granted in part. *See Akina v. Hawaii*, 835 F.3d 1003, 1010 (9th Cir. 2016) ("An interlocutory appeal of the denial of a preliminary injunction is moot when a court can no longer grant any effective relief sought in the injunction request."). This appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. We decline to remand with instructions to dismiss the underlying action. We also decline to vacate any of the district court's decisions. We take no position on whether the underlying

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case is moot or whether vacatur is appropriate and leave those issues to the district court in the first instance.

DISMISSED.

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