MVP project Comments

The continuing saga of the above-referenced pipeline continues, as industry pushes for completion, supported by government entities involved to gain, and by supporting corporations which produce billions of dollars in profit. Truth be known, many of these impact statements in support of the pipeline is **corporate science!**

I have walked areas of construction and have observed the devastation caused by this unnecessary project. The impact of the construction from erosion in steep terrain cannot be denied. The national forest is one of our major water sources. This water contamination affects the drinking water of thousands of people, be it community water systems, or individual wells. The terrain is so steep in some areas that I actually saw one of the massive machines used in construction turn over on a steep slope. The two endangered species in the Roanoke watershed will be impacted to possible extinction.

In addition to the environmental impact, what needs to be addressed and is basically ignored, is that ALL pipelines leak. The construction history of this project has involved hundreds of citations for environmental impacts, so how can there be any confidence that there will be proper and constant supervision of maintenance and leaks. Some of this pipeline is very close to populated areas, explosion is a possibility.

The beautiful Washington/Jefferson National Forest is a treasure to be protected for wildlife, and outdoor recreation. The AT trail is also impacted. These treasures cannot be replaced and are being impacted by climate issues and human behavior.

Wake up administrators of the US Forest Service and begin to do your job of protecting the forest and not be corrupted by corporations whose only purpose is to produce profits for their own selfish interests and the stockholders. As I continue to monitor this devastation, I sincerely hope you maintain your obligation to protect our National Forests.

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