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Comments: Subject Line: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Decision Objection

I am objecting to the Record of Decision (ROD) for Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project through the George Washington and Monongahela Forests to Associate Deputy Chief Glen Casamassa.

I am an intervenor with FERC on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project and have provided comments to FERC several times related to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project. I have also provided comments previously to the Forest Service related to the ACP Project.

I strongly object to this project and the Forest Service allowing it to go through Forest lands. By allowing this project to go through your lands, you not only put your lands at risk but you also put the land of nearby or adjacent landowners and communities at risk. They need your voice to weigh in on why this project is not needed and why building this unneeded and invasive infrastructure is not to the benefit of Virginia and West Virginia citizens and other users of these national treasurers.

The Forest Long Range Management Plans clearly state that this project is not in line with the objectives and missions of the Monongahela and George Washington National Forests. Wildlife and plant communities will be irreparably harmed as will be mountain streams, springs, and wetlands. Water supplies for those downstream could be severely impacted. View sheds for landowners and communities near the forests will be impaired causing them to lose jobs and incomes that rely on these vistas being maintained. Land values will plummet.

I spent 26 years in the Air Force traveling all around the US. I have seen a lot of beautiful areas across our nation and have been to many other national parks and forests. They were my solace and place of refuge from the harshness of the military life and the often unkindness of the world. I grew up at the foot of the Blue Ridge. When I retired, I came back to this area because of my love for the beauty of the mountains and the forests and the opportunities they provide for recreation and soul searching. It breaks my heart that they could be permanently defaced because the Forest Service will not fight for the very resource they have been entrusted to protect.

The harm to the Monongahela and GW National Forests caused by the ACP have been clearly identified in the environmental impact statement done for the project. These damages are not acceptable and can not be appropriately mitigated.

I am asking that you uphold the objectives of the Forest Long Range Management Plans and refuse approval of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline going through forest lands.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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Signature is attached.