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Comments: My name is Helena and I live in the Jefferson National Forest. The amendment to the Forest Plan would allow the Mountain Valley Pipeline to destroy further the land that I live on. Pipeline construction in my neighborhood has already destroyed hundreds of acres of forest. My neighborhood is now in the evacuation zone in case of a pipeline explosion so our lives are at stake for some natural gas. There has been no demonstrated need for the pipeline as this country slowly switches to more environmentally friendly energy sources. The MVP should not be allowed to change the environmental regulations that protect my home in a forest that was established to preserve natural resources.

I have been fighting this pipeline since it was first proposed. The original route would've required that our garage be demolished. I have seen the destruction firsthand and participated in dozens of stream and property clean-ups to mitigate the debris and pollution caused by construction. It pains me to see the continual damage this project deals to local communities. I cannot allow this project to hurt the people and places I love.

This project has adverse effects on the environment such as further endangering rare species (hellbender, candy darter, Roanoke logperch), demolishing old-growth forests, and polluting water sources. My family and I get our drinking water from a well in our backyard. This pipeline has already crossed over 500 waterways and continues to pollute the water that people need to live. I urge the USFS not to amend the Jefferson National Forest plan. I implore you to think of the people and the environment over profits. The attached photo shows the barren landscape of yet another abandoned construction site directly in my neighborhood.