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Comments: To: Dr. Homer Wilkes, Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

George Washington & Jefferson National Forests

and

To: Mr. Adam Fannin, Senior Project Manager Energy Resource Division

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ATTENTION: CELRP-MVP@usace.army.mil -- Public Notice: LRH-2015-00592-GBR, LRP-2015-798, NAO-2015-0898

February 20, 2023

Dear Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Fannin and Others Whom It May Concern:

The following comments are relevant to either one or both of the MVP Permit Requests filed with your agencies: The US Forest Service (USFS) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

I am a resident of Monroe County, WV. I was born in Charleston WV but have lived in Monroe County for more than 70 years. In fact, most of that time I have lived on my current property, once owned by my grandfather, on Ellison's Ridge. My husband Herman Mann and I are organic farmers and sell eggs and garden vegetable's to our neighbors. We also depend upon the land to supply much of our organic food. We have been organic farming since 1970. Our home is located adjacent to property being crossed by the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). Our well, which has been impacted by the MVP is located less than 1000 feet from the Ellison Ridge Road crossing. We live in a karst area in the middle of the Giles County Seismic Zone. We are both members of Preserve Monroe and the Indian Creek Watershed Association. I am the chief videographer and photographer for the Discover Monroe Team, my husband is my assistant. Over the past 8 years, we have taken hundreds of pictures and dozens of videos highlighting the destruction that the MVP has already caused in Southern WV and Southwestern VA.

My husband, Herman Mann was raised on Cook's Run on land that is in the current path of the MVP crossing of Hans Creek in a location known locally as "The Narrows of Hans Creek". This was historically habitat for the endangered Candy Darter. It is still family owned land, where the Candy Darter could be re-introduced.

Since the beginning of the MVP construction we have personally suffered impacts to our well. We have also documented impacts to the stream that passes near our home as well as to nearby Hans Creek and Indian Creek.

We have pictures and video of sediment runoff from the MVP into Hans Creek and Indian Creek. We get sediment in the water coming out of our faucet every time we have a hard rain, which never happened in the past thirty six years since we dug our well until MVP started construction in the area of the headwater of our well. We now have to haul water in to use for drinking and house hold use.

I have also documented the destruction caused in the Jefferson National Forest and to the Appalachian Trail from it's viewshed on Peter Mountain along the Monroe County, WV and Giles County, VA border.

Below is a video that I just completed from a trip that I took with my husband and a couple of friends on February 7, 2023.

Please enter this video into the record of the USFS Permit Request as well as the USACE Permit Request.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmwjYRM63pk>

I am also very concerned about the degraded condition of the pipe that MVP wants to bury if they receive permission to resume construction. This pipe would be installed on steep slopes adjacent to stream, across streams and through the Jefferson National Forest. This pipe is not in any condition to be placed near peoples home, through their towns, adjacent to and across streams and wetlands, or though the Jefferson National Forest, especially anywhere near the Iconic Appalachian Trail.

Below is a link to a video that highlights our concerns.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cy7-O1ysbZE>

Again, I wish to have these videos entered into the respective records of the USFS and the USACE MVP Permit requests.

Being a member of the Board of Directors of Preserve Monroe, both my husband Herman and I are impacted adjacent landowners. We wish to state that we strongly concur with the Preserve Monroe Letter of Opposition to the USACE Permit for the MVP dated 2-8-23 and the USFS Permit Request to cross the Jefferson National Forest, dated 2-3-23.

We respectively request that the USACE and USFS reject MVP's permit's to cross streams, wetlands and the Jefferson national forest.

Sincerely,

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