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Comments: Dear Dr. Wilkes,

Please accept these 1,456 public comments from members and online activists of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) urging the Forest Service to protect the National Forest and select Alternative 1, the No Action alternative. The Mountain Valley Pipeline is inconsistent with the Forest Plan, and we urge you to reject the eleven proposed amendments and exceptions.

Here are some reasons why the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) should be prevented from being constructed on our public lands. To start with, this revised statement still does not adequately consider the severe risks to the water, land, and wildlife in the immediate vicinity of the Pipeline's construction.

Allowing the Pipeline's construction within the Jefferson National Forest would threaten the integrity of the forest and expose local communities - and the water upon which they depend - to a wide array of environmental dangers.

Lastly, frontline communities have been repeatedly ignored by those making decisions about the lands upon which they live and rely on. The U.S. Forest Service must do better to work with these communities to fully understand any construction's impact and their needs.

MVP is over-budget, past deadlines, dismissive of frontline communities, and extremely dangerous to our environment. We cannot allow this deeply flawed fracked gas project to destroy 3.5 miles of the Jefferson National Forest.

Please protect the Jefferson National Forest and select Alternative 1, the No Action alternative, and reject any changes to the Forest Plan. Thank you.