

<p>02/17/2023 - Dusty Cordell added to CARA as a Forms Plus</p>	<p>Dusty Cordell</p>	<p>CO</p>	<p>Dear Dr. Wilkes: Noooooooooooo!!!! Big oil's time is Up!!! They served their purpose, to get us to where we are, but we have Far Better and Safer means to power ALL OF OUR NEEDS, in this day and age, it's time to Move On!! C'mon, It's just Wrong, AND EVERYBODY KNOWS IT!! Even if they're for it, they Know it's a Bad idea!! Fossil fuels have caused enough damage, with buckets more to come! And that's if we completely stop Everything fossil fuel, RIGHT NOW!! To keep going with any of it is just pure Insanity!! I hope they don't have kids and grandkids that they think they're setting up for the good life, because it's going to be any thing but, while they're fighting for their lives on a planet that's getting way too hot to deal with. While making growing food almost impossible, droughts, floods and hurricanes ripping the country apart, in damage, and lives lost!! That's what their kids and grandkids will Not be enjoying, think about it all before you mistakenly ok this disaster waiting to be unleashed.....jus'sayin, look real hard before you leap.</p> <p>The Mountain Valley Pipeline and Equitrans Expansion Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement #50036 proposes amendments to 11 crucial standards that are essential for protecting the Jefferson National Forest. The company's newly submitted documents do not provide sufficient assessment, monitoring, modeling, nor real-world analyses to support changes to the Forest Plan.</p> <p>The Forest Service cannot be permitted to break 11 of its own rules as a convenience to the Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, of which has been unable to meet basic minimum criteria to continue their project due to the environmental risks associated. These 11 proposed changes would be detrimental to the soil health, old-growth forest, species and preservation of the Jefferson National Forest.</p> <p>Forest ecosystems are vulnerable, the negative environmental impacts cannot continue to be diminished. Old-growth forests play an imperative role in creating topsoil, and its loss alone cannot be mitigated and would impair biodiversity.</p> <p>We implore the U.S. Forest Service to select Alternative (1) "No Action" and reject the proposed 11 changes.</p> <p>Rewriting the rules for one fossil fuel project will set a disturbing precedent for what will be tolerated on national forests across the country. Since the production of this pipeline began, the applicant has demonstrated their inability to maintain proper and adequate environmental practices during construction. As a result, significant delays have arisen due to multiple federal authorizations vacated and the accrual of over 500 violations of permit conditions and environmental standards in Virginia and West Virginia.</p> <p>Furthermore, the applicant has alleged the desire and need for the Mountain Valley Pipeline, of which is speculative and unproven. There are existing supply alternatives and market shifts towards non-fossil fuel alternatives.</p> <p>For the reasons stated above, we again ask that the U.S. Forest Service selected Alternative (1) No for "No Action," and reject the 11 proposed amendments to prevent unnecessary damage to Jefferson National Forest.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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