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Comments: Atlantic Coast Pipeline decision objection

On February 8, 2016, I wrote the following (not inclusive):

I am especially concerned about damage to pristine water supplies. I ask that the Forest Service take the following action:

1.. Dominion provides all information needed to prevent unacceptable risks and damages to National Forest resources

2. the high-risk proposals to bore through the Blue Ridge will be successfully completed before construction begins on any other public lands

3. an adequate DEIS is prepared and opened for public comment, whether through a revision by FERC or a separate DEIS by the Forest Service

Today, I formally object to the Forest Services draft record of decision regarding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

In response to 1 above: Dominion has not provided detailed information on how they will prevent damages to the National Forest. Specifically the applicant has not answered questions from the USFS concerning "High Hazard Areas."

#2: The ACP proposal woefully lacks mitigation for damage to most waterways and how they will contain erosion and sedimentation throughout the project. The applicant cannot demonstrate how they will prevent landslides and in areas with mountain slopes of over 50%. Though FERC admits damage will be done, they seem satisfied to "trust" Dominion on this issue. I think the Forest Service should not be duped into "trusting" Dominion.

#3: There is no sufficient cumulative analysis for both the MVP and the ACP making the Record of Decision incomplete. The applicant did not include information on several route variations. Also the draft EIS did not discuss the "public need" for the project making the release of the EIS premature. Since this mandated information is not included in the Record of Decision, the Forest Service is in clear violation of its duty to comply with the NEPA.

Thank you for your attention to this important concern.

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