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Comments: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Decision Objection

Dear Mr. Casamassa~

I am writing in order to submit an objection to the Forest Service's draft decision to allow the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline to cross the National Forests in its proposed path. Previously, I submitted comments to FERC on this project. Now, as I read what to me is an insufficient Environmental Impact Statement from FERC, I have an increased concern for the health of our forests and waterways in the proposed path of the ACP. These areas are a place I go to regularly and want to see preserved, not perverted, by shortsighted interests in economic wealth.

There is no need for the ACP project. The people of Virginia and North Carolina are not calling for an increase in fossil fuels as an energy source. In contrast, they are either content with the current flow of these fuels or calling for an increase in the use of renewable energy sources. It is apparent that the fuel that is proposed to flow through these pipelines is meant to be sold overseas, for corporate profit. In short, corporations are planning to use our most valuable and vulnerable public and private land to line their pockets and portfolios. That the Forest Service would ignore their own plan, put together after extended meetings and considerations, in order to support the ACP is beyond disappointing. It is repulsive.

Protect the watersheds that give us clean water, protect the environmental services the forests and streams provide to all life in the area. Protect the steep slopes, the caves, the soil, the air and all of the life, vertebrate and invertebrate. That is the job of the Forest Service. Here is what your own website says:

We are a multi-faceted agency that manages and protects 154 national forests and 20 grasslands in 43 states and Puerto Rico. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

So, protect the forests and meet the needs of present and future generations: reject the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

With sincerity,

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