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To the attention of Glen Casamassa:

First, I hope you will accept my comment. I thought that the comment deadline was the day after the Labor Day holiday, which is today.

I wrote to the Forest Department during the original comment period, so I feel I have the right and the obligation to

submit my objection to the Draft Record of Decision. It saddens me deeply that the George Washington National Forest and the Monongahela National Forest will be forever negatively altered by the ACP, should the Forest Service decide to allow this proposed project to proceed.

I ask that the Forest Service consider my concerns and questions:

How can a 125 foot clear cut, fracturing wildlife habitat and ruining the aesthetics of our cherished scenic forests, be

deemed acceptable?

How can the risk to our forests of pipeline explosions and fires not be seriously considered?

How can permanent damage to the natural waterways in our national forests be thought in any way reasonable?

How can endangered species not find the protection they require in our national forests?

How can a massive fossil fuel project be seen as any kind of public good in a time of rapid climate disruption?

The Forest Service must protect the national forests for future generations to the greatest extent they are able. The

Forest Service must maintain the integrity of the George Washington and Monongahela Forests as essential elements of a functioning Earth. Protect it for me, for my kids, for the future and for the wildlife that belong there.

To do this, the Forest Service must deny the ACP any route through the forests. There are alternatives! The

George

Washington and Monongahela must be preserved for the long-term, and never subjected to inappropriate projects

such as the ACP.

Thank you,

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