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Comments: As a retired ecologist and concerned citizen, I urge the USFS to select Alternative 1 - No Action, because the Mountain Valley Pipeline is inconsistent with the Forest Plan and would require 11 amendments and exceptions to be made for the MVP. I urge the USFS to not amend the Jefferson National Forest Plan, and to not provide concurrence to the BLM for a ROW/TUP. Amending the Forest Plan to allow the MVP to cross the Jefferson National Forest could threaten water resources and endangered species.

I am especially concerned about the effects of this project regarding species loss and global climate change. Protecting old-growth forests must be a high priority as one means of ameliorating both of these issues. The MVP proposal threatens both of them. Further, the claim of economic benefit is insufficient to warrant approval of this project.

Please select Alternative 1 and reject the Mountain Valley Pipeline. In this time of climate crisis, we do not need more fossil-fuel infrastructure.