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Comments: I'm writing to urge the Forest Service to protect the National Forest and select Alternative 1, the No Action alternative. The Mountain Valley Pipeline is inconsistent with the Forest Plan, and the eleven proposed amendments and exceptions must be rejected.

MVPs revised statement still does not adequately take into account the significant risks to water, land, and wildlife in the immediate vicinity of the Pipeline's construction.

Unfortunately, frontline communities have been repeatedly ignored by those making decisions about the lands upon which they live and rely on. The U.S. Forest Service must do better to work with these communities to fully understand any construction's impact and their needs. The national forest is public lands-not lands to be controlled by a for-profit entity!!

Allowing the Pipeline's construction within the Jefferson National Forest would threaten the integrity of the forest forever, and expose local communities - and the water upon which they depend - to a wide array of environmental dangers.

MVP is over-budget, past deadline, dismissive of frontline communities, and extremely dangerous to our environment. It has just been shown that the contractor hired to monitor pipeline safety has a conflict of interest!! This cannot become any more ridiculous! We cannot allow this deeply flawed fracked gas project to destroy 3.5 miles of the Jefferson National Forest.

The Jefferson National Forest straddles the border of Virginia and West Virginia, but the truth is that this also endangers North Carolina. Not only would allowing this construction within a national forest set a dangerous precedent for both this and other pipeline projects, but if this proposal is allowed to go through, it will have a domino effect and make it much easier for the rest of MVP's construction to be completed - or extended - in all three states.

We cannot allow this deeply flawed fracked gas project to destroy miles of the pristine Jefferson National Forest. MVP is over-budget, past deadline, dismissive of frontline communities, and extremely dangerous to our environment.

Please protect the Jefferson National Forest and select Alternative 1, the No Action alternative, and reject any changes to the Forest Plan. Thank you.