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Comments: I am writing to urge you not to amend the forest plan so that the Mountain Valley Pipeline can go through the Jefferson National Forest. Doing so is in no way in the public interest, the interest of the forest, the interest of our destabilized climate or the interests of future generations. Please do not modify any of the 11 forest plan standards MVP wants you to modify!

There are many issues here. One is the issue of ecosystem integrity. I have personally seen some of the effects on ecosystems of the construction MVP has already done in different parts of West Virginia and Virginia. I have friends in that area, family in Virginia, and I was taken aback when visiting that area for a couple of weeks last years by the scars down mountainsides and the disruption done to the land of people who were unfortunately on MVP's pipeline route.

The Forest Service should not allow similar destruction to take place in the Jefferson National Forest.

I am also very concerned about the climate impacts of the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

Two years ago the International Energy Agency, and then last year the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said that there should be an immediate-not somewhere in the future-end to the expansion of the fossil fuel industry because of the seriousness of our situation, worldwide, because of the burning of fossil fuels. President Biden has set as a goal a 50% reduction of US greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. That goal will be impossible to reach, and we as a species will be in even greater danger of ecosystem unraveling in coming years and decades, if federal and state government agencies keep allowing the expansion of the coal, oil and gas industries.

The first rule of getting out of a hole you are in is to stop digging. This is particularly true when there are viable, proven options to natural gas that are rapidly growing, such as wind and solar with battery storage. Renewables now provide almost one quarter of the US's electricity, and that number is rapidly growing.

For these and many other reasons, I urge you choose the alternative of "no action" when it comes to the Forest Service draft supplemental EIS. For the land and waters and current and future generations, you must do the right thing!