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Dear US Forest Service Director,

Dear Readers:

The route for the Mountain Valley Pipeline is overly dangerous, especially in the Jefferson National Forest. The mvp construction of manmade benches of blast rock and fill dirt holds a pipeyard with actively corroding pipes sitting in the sun and weather of one of the highest mountains around, at the top of the Eastern Continental Divide watershed, on Sinking Creek Mountain in Jefferson National Forest. Pipe coatings chalking and sloughing the 3M Scotchkote 6233 PFAS epoxy coating with faded date-stamp of 06/20/2017 are pitted with rust lines dripped down the sides, every pipe rusty. These pipes are a danger and not suitable for use as they are. The pipes must be removed to be recoated before they can be considered safe enough to use; however, the problem with the site remains. The mountain continues to seep water from the crest to the protected headwater creek thousands of feet below. The mud entrained in the seep waters extend beyond erosion gullies, without benefit of settling out particles in a pond.

The seeps of water are in the ROW, and not reported.

These seeps of water at the crest of Sinking Creek Mountain are "springs" of trickling water. There is no 500 foot setback, the seeps are now forced to concentrate the water flow down the mvp ROW, because the mvp haphazardly blasted and cut the water conduits that confined moving water. So now the Jefferson National Forest has a waterslide 2390 feet long, mostly straight downhill.

Corrosion to the epoxy coating occurs during freeze-thaw events where water droplets freeze and etch the coating, repeated! The air is often saturated with wet-fog at the mountain ridge, too.

MVP does not seem to know how to tell FERC they have a problem in the middle of their unsuitable route. That problem is the Jefferson National Forest.

Continuous water seep, subject to freeze-thaw, at crest of Sinking Creek Mountain where the mvp project crosses up and over - from Private land in Craig County on northface - of Sinking Creek Mountain to Jefferson National Forest on southside of the mountain crest, but which was blasted through by mvp in 2018, without permits to do so. This is the area once considered the Exclusion Zone - not to be built or disturbed because of the fragile karst ecosystem on the Craig County northface of Sinking Creek Mountain and the mvp ROW entryway to the Jefferson National Forest down a near vertical rock face, that sprouts fresh mountain springs of water at the crest for any hiker who needs a drink! We locals all know of numerous scattered springs on that mountain and we have declared water up there many times.

Now our once beautiful safe JNF is dangerous, with water-saturated, disturbed fill material way upslope, at the top of a waterslide that freezes in Winter, with incomplete ice-melt during the day, so that the freeze-thaw events further lift and separate the ground from the vertical rockface. That frozen ice-slide will be the death of any animal who tries to cross th

Sincerely,

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