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Comments: I'm writing this comment to U.S. Forest Service to voice my support in the agency issuing a new SEIS to Mountain Valley Pipeline to cross Jefferson National Forest. An SEIS has been drafted and passed previously over the past 5 years. It's proof that this project has been the most studied and scrutinized pipeline project within the history of this country. The fact that the pipeline has been permitted multiple times proves that the Forest Service as well as other involved agencies issuing other permits believe in the project and the steps Mountain Valley Pipeline is taking to minimize effects on environment and property. Also, the need for this pipeline has perhaps never been greater. Given the current affairs in the global energy market and the supply constrictions given the Ukraine-Russia war and sanctions in place, this project has never been more important to this country and our European ally's. Hopefully all permitting agencies and courts realize the importance of this project, the need for clean natural gas energy, and the fact this pipeline has been permitted multiple times. I do believe it is high time to end the feet dragging and embrace the completion of the line so restoration can be completed and effects on the environment can be minimized. Leaving the pipeline unfinished and land open has been far more detrimental to the environment and property owners than it would have been if this pipeline were completed and placed in service in its original time frame.

Sincerely,

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