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I've watched this project unfold for many years now. I find it hard to believe that in this economy and the existing climate conditions that anyone in their right minds could consider this a viable project. From a business standpoint, the project has already cost over \$6B with no product shipped. And IF they are successful in finally reaching a point where they can ship the gas, the energy needed to compress the gas could be better used heating homes or for transportation of people or goods.

The overall environmental impact locally cannot be minimized. With over 300 violations to date already, without finishing the project or burying all the pipes, the local watershed is being severely impacted. If herbicides are widely used throughout the route, this impact will only grow worse and exacerbate any ground water/aquafer problems. Many of the homes and families in this area are dependent on springs and wells for their potable water. There is no way these water sources will not be negatively affected by the plans. Between increased sedimentation due to MVP's inability to follow regulations, and the runoff of herbicides to keep the corridors clear, all water sources along the route would be at risk.

My ventures through the forests in this part of the state include hiking and camping all along the route. I have always respected and counted on the USDA/Forest Service to protect public lands and land use from clearly bad ideas like the MVP. The continued use of fossil fuels will be the downfall of of us all. Please stand firm and send a clear message that water crossings in the national forest are not for sale.

Thank you for your consideration.