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Comments: I am writing with my comment on Mountain Valley Pipeline's (MVP) Draft Supplement Impact

Statement (DSEIS).

I thought we had gotten rid of this colossal disaster waiting to happen. The MVP will put the water supply for thousands of West Virginians at risk at no benefit to us. We do not want the MVP to further exacerbate the effects of climate warming.

According to WV Rivers Coalition, the DSEIS has not provided assessment reports, monitoring reports, and other documents that support the conclusions in the DSEIS; therefore, the public cannot review the methodology to determine if DSEIS has any justification to support its conclusions.

The area sought for pipeline installation is in one of the most biodiverse areas of our nation. https://appvoices.org/images/uploads/2010/01/mtr_biodiversity_hotspots.jpg There is no way the huge machinery, clear-cutting and massive bulldozing--that the 11, Forest Plan exemptions would permit--will preserve wildlife or its habitat. Neither can planting grass restore old growth forest or secondary forest thus destroyed. This ecosystem, so valuable that it is within a UNESCO International Biosphere Reserve, requires protection--not destruction. https://en.unesco.org/biosphere/eu-na/southern-appalachian

The analysis of the effectiveness of erosion control devices is severely flawed. The DSEIS claims that MVP's erosion controls are effective at controlling erosion, runoff, and sedimentation under normal conditions when properly installed and maintained. However, MVP has a proven track record of improperly installing and not maintaining erosion controls. West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has cited MVP with over 250 instances where MVP failed to comply with the requirements of their stormwater construction permit resulting in over 50 violations of water quality standards.

The climate crisis is also another important consideration. The DEIS should analyze MVP's contribution to climate change; however, the DSEIS fails to consider the social cost of greenhouse gases when asserting that there are only beneficial effects from MVP. The weather patterns and flooding in West Virginia are indicators that cannot be ignored. For these reasons, I request the United States Forest Service (USFS) choose the No Action Alternative.

Construction of MVP has already proved to be highly impactful to land and water resources which is inconsistent with the Forest Plan. I urge USFS to refrain from making the 11 amendments the Jefferson National Forest Plan.

Additionally, USFS should not provide concurrence to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to accommodate the MVP with a right of way and temporary use permit to cross the Appalachian Trail, which would degrade the scenic nature of the trail.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.