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Comments: Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline and Equitrans Expansion Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement #50036

Dear Under Secretary Homer Wilkes,

The last thing on Earth we need is yet another poorly maintained pipeline to leak deadly poisons into our irreplaceable freshwater aquifers, our precious tillable soils.

ALL pipelines leak. Every single one of them ever built leaks!

I am writing to register my opposition to the Mountain Valley Pipeline and Equitrans Expansion Project, which is both incompatible with established land management standards and a dire threat to the region. The U.S. Forest Service should select the No Action alternative.

Continued development of the Mountain Valley Pipeline would damage lands and waters in the Jefferson National Forest, causing harmful impacts for communities across Appalachia and wildlife alike. Its construction has already led to hundreds of water-quality related violations in the area.

Specifically, I ask that the U.S. Forest Service not amend the Jefferson National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, which would prohibit a pipeline as currently written. Amending the forest plan would conflict with the USFS 2012 Forest Planning Rule.

Furthermore, the Bureau of Land Management should deny the right-of-way and temporary use permits that would allow the Mountain Valley Pipeline to cross the forest.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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