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Comments: There is no way to adequately mitigate the damage that the Mountain Valley Pipeline will cause to waterways, to forested land, including the Jefferson National Forest and to the climate. In pipeline project after pipeline project what we have seen is that pipelines leak, no matter how many promises fossil fuels companies make the they won't. We have also seen major pipeline ruptures that do terrible and widespread damage. Clean water is becoming increasingly scarce and it is untenable to keep building more pipelines that inevitably cause more pollution. Pipeline construction destroys forests and Mountain Valley Pipeline will do irreparable damage to Jefferson National Forest. Just as we can't afford to poison more of our country's water, we can't afford to destroy more of our remaining forests. The immense, irreparable damage that the Mountain Valley Pipeline will sooner or later cause to waterways and to Jefferson Forest will leave both aquatic and terrestrial species, including endangered species without habitat and will do so at a time when the world is already facing an immense biodiversity crisis and where the world needs to save/restore a minimum of 3o percent (and likely much more) of its lands and waters to halt or at least reduce the extinction crisis. Finally, climate scientists tell us that we need a plan to phase out existing fossil fuel operations and that we will not have a chance to limiting global warming to 2 degrees c, let alone 1.5 degrees if we allow anymore wells or anymore fossil fuel infrastructure. Knowing this, approving the Mountain Valley Pipeline (or any new pipeline) is guite literally an assault against life on earth. Your agency has a responsibility to the well being of the American people and to the protection of other species. The damage that Mountain Valley Pipeline will cause cannot be mitigated. Your agency has a responsibility not to approve any project that will cause damage so severe that there is no mitigation.