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Comments: To those who wield the power to influence nature, please abandon this project.

This pipeline WILL fracture critical habitat areas across Virginia and West Virginia. The installation alone would involve major construction within two of Virginia's treasured recreation areas: Jefferson National Forest and the Appalachian Trail corridor. I am from Appalachia and coal country, and have first-hand seen the damage mining projects have had on our ecosystem and residents. This project will cause erosion and stream damage likely to affect salamanders, native trout, and species likely yet to even be discovered. These streams are fragile, incredibly diverse ecosystems.

The Appalachian mounts are the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the United States. Man has done enough harm to our wilderness, we must stop this "progress." Between 1880 and 1930, we managed to deforest about two-thirds of the East Coast, thanks in part to sawmill technology advancements and the creation of railroads that made the processing and shipping of timber easier. In the years since, fossil fuel industry practices like mountaintop removal for coal mining, offshore oil drilling in the Gulf and along the Atlantic, and fracking in Appalachia's Marcellus Shale formation have further threatened biodiversity - not to mention the climate and the health of the often Black and Indigenous communities living nearby.

This pipeline is not worth it. Find another way.

- Brad Luttrell

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