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Comments: Hello,

I'm contacting you from Charlottesville, VA, urging you to block construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline in the Jefferson National Forest. This project has already severely damaged clean water sources across Appalachia, threatening local drinking water supplies and resulting in over 300 environmental infractions. Please protect the Jefferson National Forest and select Alternative 1, the No Action alternative, and reject any changes to the Forest Plan.

Fossil fuel infrastructure negatively impacts public health and the environment and contributes to our climate crisis. In Virginia, projects like the fracked-gas Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) perpetuate environmental injustice and hinder us from achieving the clean energy goals of our Commonwealth in an equitable manner. Pipelines like MVP represent an overbuild of gas infrastructure in the region and provide no true benefit for local communities. Like the similarly unneeded Atlantic Coast Pipeline (cancelled in July 2020), MVP should be cancelled. Legislators should adopt policies that recognize the severity of the climate crisis and strengthen protections for communities impacted by fossil fuel infrastructure.

Let's help the planet, together. Thank you.

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