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This project has already severely damaged clean water sources across Appalachia, threatening local drinking water supplies and resulting in over 300 environmental infractions.

Although I am a resident of NJ, I am getting intimately familiar with how polluted water supplies can hurt the local population. Several towns in this state are currently being asked to remedy the fact that they have cancercausing chemicals in their water. This process will take years. And that is addition to the multi-year projects needed to clean up existing pollution in places like the Passaic River.

Please protect the people of Appalachia. Please protect the Jefferson National Forest and select Alternative 1, the No Action alternative, and reject any changes to the Forest Plan.

Thank you,

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