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Comments: Firstly, I'd like to suggest that you extend the comment period for an additional 45 days. Many of our rural communities have limited access to broadband internet and the process would be better served by more input from the public.

I urge the USFS to select Alternative 1 - No Action, because the Mountain Valley Pipeline is inconsistent with the Forest Plan and would require 11 amendments and exceptions to be made for MVP. Moreover, the Jefferson National Forest itself was established to restore and protect water quality and water resources. The pipeline is in direct opposition to this purpose. I urge the USFS to not amend the Jefferson National Forest Plan, and to not provide concurrence to the BLM for a ROW/TUP. Furthermore, amending the Forest Plan to allow MVP to cross the JNF could also threaten endangered species. MVP shouldn't be allowed to change the rules.

Granting the MVP permission to cross the JNF does not comply with the 2012 USFS Planning Rule's mandate "to maintain or restore the ecological integrity of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and watersheds in the plan area." (Wild Virginia et al v. U.S. Department of Agriculture p. 28). This permission should therefore be denied.

Thank you for your consideration.