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Comments: Here are my comments on Mountain Valley Pipeline's (MVP) Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS).

I request the United States Forest Service (USFS) choose the No Action Alternative.

I urge USFS to refrain from making the 11 amendments the Jefferson National Forest Plan.

Here a just a few reasons.

Construction of MVP has already impacted the land and water resources which is inconsistent with the Forest Plan.

I'm concerned that "The Forest Service determined that the MVP may affect

or is likely to adversely affect four species: candy darter, Roanoke logperch, Indiana bat, and northern long-eared bat."

The FS includes mitigation such as

"Provide information to individuals involved in project construction on how to avoid and

minimize potential effects to Threatened and Endangered species." That is weak! Basically MVP hands their workers a piece of paper to meet this requirement.

I'm concerned "The project would result in the clearing of about two acres of old growth within areas designated as 6C." The FS addresses this concern by stating "Although this is an adverse impact to old growth ecosystems, it is not a substantial adverse impact due to the limited extent of the impact (about 2 out of 30,200 acres of old growth acres forest-wide)." That is weak! The FS states it is an adverse impact but provides no mitigation requirements by MVP. Basically say "Oh well."

For all those areas cleared, regeneration is going to be an ongoing problem. I'm concerned the Forest Service silviculturist has identified tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) and princess tree (*Paulownia tomentosa*) growing within the ROW on Peters Mountain. The FS states non-native species would continue to be removed as described in the POD Appendix S, Exotic and Invasive Species Control Plan.

In addition four exotic invasive species were observed scattered throughout the

ROW: multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), and mile-a-minute vine (*Persicaria perfoliata*) (Transcon 2018-2020).

The DSEIS states that MVP's erosion controls are effective at controlling erosion, runoff, and sedimentation under normal conditions when properly installed and maintained. This is weak justification! MVP has a proven track record of poorly installed and maintained erosion controls.

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has cited MVP with over 250 instances where MVP failed to comply with the requirements of their stormwater construction permit resulting in over 50 violations of water quality standards.

For these reasons, I request the United States Forest Service (USFS) choose the No Action Alternative and urge USFS to refrain from making the 11 amendments the Jefferson National Forest Plan.

Additionally, USFS should not provide concurrence to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to accommodate the MVP with a right of way and temporary use permit to cross the Appalachian Trail, which would degrade the scenic nature of the trail.

Thank for your consideration of my comments. Peter Wood.