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Comments: Dear US Forest Service Director,

We live at the base of Peters Mountain in sight of the proposed pipeline path. The pipe crosses our sheep field. I expect our voices are faint compared to the roar of money and so-called progress, but the power of nature may yet be heard[hellip]

I am writing to comment on Mountain Valley Pipeline's (MVP) Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS).

Not enough is known about the karst beneath the mountain. It is not charted and the masses of limestone not predictable. Just after blasting on our property, a sinkhole opened up 42 feet from the kitchen door. Who knows what will happen on the mountain during boring procedures? I suspect no one knows.

And if science could predict underground reaction to construction, perhaps it could accurately predict the results of laying pipe at such a steep angle.

The DSEIS has not provided assessment reports, monitoring reports, and other documents that support the conclusions in the DSEIS; therefore, the public cannot review the methodology to determine if DSEIS has any justification to support its conclusions.

The analysis of the effectiveness of erosion control devices is severely flawed. The DSEIS claims that MVP's erosion controls are effective at controlling erosion, runoff, and sedimentation under normal conditions when properly installed and maintained. However, MVP has a proven track record of improperly installing and not maintaining 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.

Aside from impacts to soil and water, we are in the midst of a climate crisis. The DEIS should analyze MVP's contribution to climate change; however, the DSEIS fails to consider the social cost of greenhouse gases when asserting that there are only beneficial effects from MVP.

For these reasons, I request the United States Forest Service (USFS) choose the No Action Alternative. Construction of MVP has already proved to be highly impactful to land and water resources which is inconsistent with the Forest Plan; therefore, I 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. Finally, if this plan were feasible, a reliable company should be involved. We waited 4 years to have a fence replaced by MVP and it was not done properly then. May Mother Nature have mercy on us all, especially those who make lousy decisions without regard to realistic impact.