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Comments: Gentlemen: I am writing to comment on Mountain Valley Pipeline's (MVP) Draft Supplement Impact Statement (DSEIS). The US Forest Service (USFS) should choose Alternative 1 - No Action. The MVP crossing is not in an out-of-the-way corner of the ANST. It is on top of Peters Mountain close to a prized scenic viewpoint. The original Appalachian Trail did not include this segment. In the 1940s, the Appalachian Trail was detoured nearly 200 miles to provide more scenic views and protection. The MVP's wide gash undermines the JNF's Scenic Integrity Objectives. The MVP corridor can be seen by ANST hikers from multiple viewpoints approaching Peters Mountain on the Virginia side. Looking out into West Virginia from Symms Gap, the MVP destruction can be seen snaking north for at least 15 miles. This crossing is in an ACTIVE EARTHQUAKE ZONE! MVP's entire route through the JNF lies in the Giles County Seismic Zone. Even though MVP plans to bore 90 ft under the ANST, pipeline safety is at risk on both sides. The steep slopes below the bore pits were identified by the Forest Service as High Hazard sites, with landslide risks one of the factors. In 2017, before FERC approved MVP for construction, two earthquakes were recorded within miles of the MVP route[mdash]including a magnitude 3.2 earthquake in Lindside, WV located about 4 miles from the ANST crossing. The blast zone for MVP's 42-inch pipeline is approximately 1,100 feet, but recent evidence suggests the impact radius is greater. The MVP crossing of the ANST may be abandoned! MVP will try to bore for 600 feet through hard ridge rock formations, with the bore channel located 90 feet below the AT. If the bore attempts fail, this crossing route may be abandoned. MVP says that it will not attempt to cross the AT by an open-cut method, but it has not provided any information about alternate plans if the bore attempts fail. MVP must provide its alternate plans and those plans must be part of the Forest Service's Draft Environmental Assessment open to review and comment by the public. With so much unknown, so much at risk, and MVP's record of violations and ineffective controls so far, the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE is the only responsible choice.