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Comments: The Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and Equitrans Expansion Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) #50036 should receive an Alternative 'A' vote - no action. Please reject this

The Forest Service's duty is to protect the forest, land and waters. Green-lighting this project would endanger not just the land that will be disturbed, but everything downstream, and the creatures and balances that exist within the ecosystem. This project will ensure degradation, damage and irreparable harms to the area. This area is inhabited by endangered creatures. They won't stand a chance if their terrain is significantly disturbed, as it would surely be if it is allowed to proceed.

This impact statement is deeply flawed. The protocol by which the USFS reviews the application is also flawed, and should weigh many more factors than those 'issues identified by the Court.'

This statement doesn't include data necessary to make a sound judgment, namely it is missing assessment and monitoring reports, among others.

A Wild Virginia suit argues correctly that the sedimentation projections are just that, and aren't based in real life situations. The Court itself cited 'evidence of the Pipeline's actual impacts indicates that modeling is unreasonable.' This application should not be considered, deeply flawed as it is.

Missing from the statement is any mention of climate change, which is an immense omission.

Nowhere in the statement is evidence that the project adheres to any of the JNF's Plan. Indeed, at least 11 changes to the Plan would be necessary to allow the project to proceed.

The USFS itself has a mandate that preempts this project since it's mission is stated to 'maintain or restore ecological integrity' of land and water ecosystems and watersheds.

The amendments to FW-5, FW-8, FW-9, FW-13, FW-14 and 11-003 would result in deleterious effects on the forest's soil health because of lack of protection to riparian zones.

Amendment to: 6C-026, 6C-007 would result in loss of protections of old growth forests, damaging a source of topsoil creation, and disrupting the maturation of mature forests that serve as carbon and nitrogen collectors.

Amendment to: 4A028 would allow viewsheds to be reduced, and lessens the current criteria factoring noise, dust and visual impacts.

Amendment to: FW-248 dismisses the fact that the need for this pipeline has not been proven.

Amendment to FW-184 would allow for the project to proceed without guarantee it would ever be completed.