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Comments: I am writing to implore you not to expand the Mountain Valley Pipeline. The Jefferson Forest houses so much biodiversity, key ecosystem services and recreational opportunity for the human and non-human communities that live in and around it. The construction of this pipeline puts such communities at risk of serious damage. A link or spill in the pipe will cause catastrophic harm to the land it seeps into. All pipelines leak, all pipelines spill. Burning more fossil fuels and putting more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere to further exacerbate the destabilizing effects of climate change is not worth the risk. Please consider this carefully and choose not to construct this pipeline. The dual purpose of the forest service is to conserve natural resources for the benefit of future generations - the children I am worried about having given the state of global climate change - and to provide recreation of the natural world to those who live today. This project progresses neither of those aims. Please think of the power you hold and how you want to use it. Think of what you'd like your lasting impact on the world to be. Thank you for your graciousness in reading this message.