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Comments: I hereby urge the US Forest Service to deny a permit for the MVP to cross through the Jefferson National Forest. As a retired biologist, I fear that the pipeline would negatively impact that most precious resource, affecting the delicate flora and fauna of the region. Flooding is already a huge issue, and increased sedimentation will further degrade water quality in the associated rivers and streams. Not to mention the possibility of future pipeline rupture. Over the years our family has spent much time camping and hiking in that area, and our children went to Nature Camp in the contiguous George Washington National Forest throughout their middle and high school years - an experience they will treasure for their entire lives. Again I urge you to reject the pipeline permit, considering the huge environmental impact to the resource you are charged with protecting on behalf of the public and resident wildlife.