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Comments: To Dr. Homer Wilkes. Take the NO ACTION Alternative 1 regarding MVP. Over sixty five (65) years ago I hiked on the Appalachian Trail for the first time where it borders Monroe County, WV. I continued hiking this same area after I became an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, honing many wilderness skills during these adventures. My strong connection to Peters Mountain and to outdoor activities have proven to be a solid anchor in my life. My work through Labor Union AFL-CIO industrial construction and retro fitting made me acutely aware of limitations many contractors experience. Oftentimes, the safety of workers and of far reaching environmental concerns are sacrificed for stockholder interests. Environmental aspirations of the citizens were often of no consideration. The flawed MVP project must not be permitted to continue. A bore through Peters Mountain, a pristine and extremely steep location, is but a macho attempt to flaunt the powers of the moneyed elite. The Jefferson National Forest is a precious gem not to be sullied by industrial bullies. My grandchildren deserve to explore the same outdoor activities that I was fortunate to experience. National forests are for the citizens.