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Comments: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Decision Objection

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Dear Mr. Glen Casamassa,

I am writing to object to the record of decision by the Forest service to allow the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) to cross the Monongahela and George Washington National Forests. My family and I frequently use the federal lands that would be impacted by this project and I am concerned we will no longer be able to recreate in those natural areas. We enjoy camping in the forests, fishing and swimming in the streams, we enjoy the pristine untouched naturalness, the majestic views, and the wildlife. All of this will be ruined if this pipeline project is allowed to continue.

I participated in an earlier petition, dated October 10th, 2016 objecting to the ACP, these comments are a follow up to those earlier objections. The Rover Pipeline accident in Ohio (<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/two-weeks-rover-pipeline-leaked-drilling-fluid-ohio-wetlands/>) shows exactly what can happen - this accident occurred using the same drilling technique that is proposed for the ACP, except that the ACP project's use of this method will be more extreme, tunneling further than was done for the Rover Pipeline.

In addition to my personal objections based on my needs for the use of these lands. I have the following specific technical objections:

- * The Purpose and Need for the ACP do not justify the project and more analysis should be required. There has been no analysis of routes that use existing infrastructure. Furthermore, there is not a demonstrated need for this additional natural gas pipeline capacity.
- * The analysis does not adequately justify the need to cross Forest Service Lands as other alternate routes were not sufficiently explored (FSM 2703.2(2)b)
- * The unavoidable environmental damage to our public lands is unacceptable. This damage includes forest fragmentation, impacts to surface and ground water (cumulative across the entire project), violation of existing protection for the Appalachian National Scenic Trail viewshed, and impacts to endangered and threatened species. Mitigation of these effects is to be determined after the project is approved, this is absurd - a mitigation plan should be drafted, reviewed, and finalized prior to any approval process.

Sincerely,

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