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Re: MVP GWNFs Plan Amendment Objection

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Dear Deputy Chief Casamassa,

Because I am unsure to whom to direct my thoughts, I address you in the hope you will share this letter with your colleagues. I thank you each for your concerned reflection on the matter.

As an elderly woman, I feel insignificant begging a panel of powerful agents to spare the life of an ancient mountain – a mountain that has delivered life to millions over the ages, and holds the life of millions more in the water it was built to deliver for all ages – but the matter is urgent.

It would be impossible, in the process of installing the proposed ACP and MVP pipelines through the Appalachian Mountains, to avoid disrupting nature's system and flushing toxic chemicals and sludge into the public water supply, probably for the rest of time. Nature always needs much longer to regain her balance than humans take to upset it.

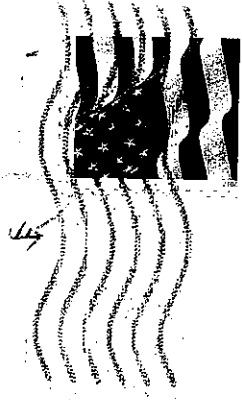
Are you each willing, as a fellow beings, to assume responsibility for gambling the water supply for all future generations against a pipeline designed to deliver gas for a few decades? Avoiding this risk by re-routing these projects away from our mountain forests is both ecologically and economically sensible considering the potential cost of clean-up and litigation that would follow in the inescapable event of calamity throughout installation and beyond. Pipelines can be repositioned at will. Mountains cannot.

I thank God that I do not sit in your seat bombarded by the cacophony of voices clamoring from every side to urge this decision. I ask that you close your eyes and balance the value of clean water for millions – forever – against the value of delivering methane for the profit and convenience of a few generations at the most.

Please choose well. So many lives depend on you.

Sincerely,
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