

Send a Comment to the U.S. Forest Service about the Mountain Valley Pipeline

WHY? ... Our region is getting set up as a Mega-Gas Pipeline sacrifice zone.

The Proposed Amendments to the Management Plan for the Jefferson National Forest will degrade the ecosystem integrity, sustainability, and biodiversity of the Jefferson National Forest, and thereby diminish the multitude of environmental services (particularly intact forest and associated erosion protection, clean water, clean air, and economically critical outdoor recreation opportunities) that the National Forest currently provides.

The FERC DEIS notice describes Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) “amendments” being considered by the Forest Service with regard to the proposed MVP route:

- Amendment 1 would create a 500-foot “Designated Utility Corridor” that could be used to locate gas, electricity or water transmission lines in the future. **This corner of West Virginia would become THE target zone for other massive pipeline projects!**
- Amendment 2 would grant waivers from current National Forest standards on soil conditions and riparian corridors
- Amendment 3 would allow logging of old growth forest habitat currently maintained in a special forest management prescription.
- Amendment 4 would authorize a destructive crossing of the historic Appalachian Scenic Trail, permanently changing the scenic quality from High to Moderate.

The FS has invited public comments on these amendments. The Forest Service needs to hear NOW from the public on:

- **Why the MVP should not be allowed to cross Forest Service Lands along Peters Mountain.**
- **Why the proposed amendments to its LRMP are not acceptable.**

WHO / WHEN / HOW TO COMMENT?

Everyone! The U.S. Forests belong to the American public. We are all affected by these decisions.

Now! Send comments about the Forest Service crossing and amendments as soon as possible, so that your comment is included in the Forest Service’s decision. (All comments must be submitted to the FERC before December 22.)

HOW?

IMPORTANT: You must also send your letter to the FERC for it to be considered!

Set up your letter so it goes to both the Forest Service and the FERC.

(Create one letter; send it to all three recipients below.)

TO: Joby Timm, Forest Supervisor, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests
Jennifer Adams, Special Project Coordinator, GWJNF
Kimberly Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

RE: Objections to crossing of U.S. Forest Service Lands by Mountain Valley Pipeline
Docket CP16-10-000

Address information – Send your letter or comment to BOTH the Forest Service and to FERC

1) U.S. Forest Service George Washington and Jefferson National Forest

Send your comment by email or mail to:

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2) The FERC - Submit your comment online or by mail.

Online: To submit a comment to FERC online:

1. Go to <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/> and click on "e-Comment."
2. Fill in the information field and look for an e-mail from FERC.
3. Click on the link in that email and enter the docket number for the pipeline you wish to comment on: Mountain Valley Pipeline CP 16-10-000 (or CP 16-10)
4. You may also click "e-Subscribe" to receive alerts and the content of other comments.

By Mail: Address a hand-written or typed comment to:

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