

File Code: 1950

Date: February 3, 2023

Dear Interested Party:

In December of 2022 we informed you that the Forest Service's Mountain Valley Pipeline Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) was available. The USDA Forest Service (FS) had prepared a DSEIS to the 2017 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and the 2020 FS Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and Equitrans Expansion Project.

Publication of the Notice of Availability of the DSEIS in the *Federal Register* on December 23, 2022 initiated a 45-day public comment period on the DSEIS that was scheduled to end on February 6, 2023.

We are extending the comment period by two weeks. The comment period for the DSEIS will now end on **February 21, 2023**. Interested parties have been notified in accordance with 36 CFR 220.5(f)(3) and public notification of this comment extension will appear in the Federal Register on February 10, 2023.

The preferred method to provide specific, written comments during the 45-day comment period is by submitting comments electronically to:
<https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=50036>. This web-based comment form will only be active during the designated comment period.

Written comments may be mailed to: Dr. Homer Wilkes, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, c/o Jefferson National Forest, MVP Project, 5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, VA 24019.

Please note, this project will not be subject to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's project level 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B pre- decisional administrative review process because the responsible official is the Undersecretary, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (36 CFR 218.13(b)).

For more information on this project or to request documents in another format, please contact Joby Timm, Forest Supervisor for the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, by leaving a voicemail at 1-888-603-0261. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

For inquiries for the BLM, contact Robert Swithers, District Manager, BLM Southeastern States District Office, by phone at 601-919-4650 or by email at BLM_ES_SSDO_Comments@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Forest Supervisor, George Washington & Jefferson NFs –