

# Free not Fracked



## Fracking Threatens the GWNF

- The George Washington National Forest (GWNF) provides drinking water to over 4 million people across Virginia and Washington, DC.
- The USFS is currently considering allowing hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) in the GWNF.
- Fracking is exempt from many national requirements including air and water regulations, toxic chemical use reporting, and liability connected with spills.
- Drilling the GWNF forests will put our clean air and drinking water at risk for decades to come.

## Dominion’s Pipeline Increases the Risk

Dominion’s pipeline would:

- Carry fracked natural gas from West Virginia to North Carolina and will connect with other lines to export terminals.
- Create a 100' clearcut and blasting zone that bisects the GWNF, the Blue Ridge Parkway and crosses private lands in many counties including Highland, Rockingham, Augusta, Nelson, Buckingham, Nottoway, Dinwiddie and Brunswick County.
- Increase pressure for destructive fracking activities in Virginia.
- Flood energy markets with natural gas, increasing demand for gas use, and stifling efforts towards energy conservation and investment in solar and wind.



This proposal is generating strong opposition from residents in its path and citizens who care about our forests and drinking watersheds in the GWNF.

## Dominion: stalling our solar future

- Dominion’s Green Power Program is a voluntary program where customers can pay more for their electricity to support renewables. However, the program is largely based on Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) purchased from other states and does not promote solar and wind development in Virginia.
- Dominion actively disincentivizes solar development in Virginia. Via “Standby Charges,” Dominion penalizes 10-20 kW residential solar producers and increases payback time on solar systems.
- Dominion's 2013 Integrated Resource Plan calls for 15 more years of emphasizing dirty power over alternatives like solar and wind and actually increases their carbon emissions through 2027.

***It is time for Virginia to move toward a clean energy future  
not open our mountains to fracking and pipelines.***