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Mountain Valley Pipeline's Plan to Extend its Destructive Path

The corporations behind the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline announced today that they want to run the project 70 more miles, through parts of southern Virginia and into North Carolina. This would extend the dire impacts into even more communities, pollute more streams and wetlands, and destroy more valuable natural resources - all in the name of profits.

The new disclosure raises questions as to whether MVP, LLC intended to make this addition to the project from the start and, if so, whether the regulatory approvals already given were based on sound assessments of overall need and impacts. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should not allow this attempt to segment a huge infrastructure project and gain approvals based on an incomplete picture. Instead, FERC should reopen the licensing process that it previously conducted to make sure that the cumulative impacts of MVP, which the Commission previously refused to adequately assess, are now properly counted to protect the public interest.

“Citizens have repeatedly pointed out that FERC’s environmental impact review process for MVP was grossly deficient, in part because of the narrow view the Commission adopted. The project’s effects, stretching all the way from the fracking fields to the points of combustion, should be assessed as one system but FERC refused to take this holistic approach,” stated Misty Boos, Director of Wild Virginia.

David Sligh, Wild Virginia’s Conservation Director, added: “MVP seems to be using a tactic many developers have tried in the past. Get approvals for one piece of a larger scheme, begin the destruction, and then use that as leverage to get the next segment approved.”

Wild Virginia and our allies will stand beside those citizens of the newly target areas to oppose this addition to MVP as strenuously as we’ve fought the project so far.