



Preserve Craig ~ Sustaining the Quality of Life We Value

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Report to the Craig County Board of Supervisors July 7, 2016

Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP), Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) and Craig County Events and Activities since the June 2, 2016 Board Meeting

- 1. A compelling report on the Geologically Hazards of the proposed MVP project was published today. Dr. Ernst Kastning, a well-respected certified professional geologist, documents that the MVP is dangerous and unbuildable in this region due to the special karst conditions in Monroe, Giles, Craig, Montgomery, and Roanoke Counties. Commission the POWHR, a coalition that includes Craig County, it was submitted to the FERC after a press conference this morning.**
- 2. For the first time, the FERC has delayed the schedule for review of the MVP project. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is now planned for release in September, pending extensive new requests for information from MVP. Preserve Craig is organizing previously submitted documents in preparation for responding to the DEIS as well as making plans for community outreach.**
- 3. Joby Timm officially took office as the new Superintendent of the US Forest Service on June 27, 2016. Preserve Craig has collated all documents created by our group and the Craig County Board of Supervisors addressing concerns regarding the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline as it affects forest service land in our county to present to him for reference in the near future.**
- 4. Preserve Craig resumed production of monthly e-newsletters, and, starting with the June issue, is also making hard copies for distribution at the library, IGA, and the Emporium.**
- 5. The Preserve Craig steering committee met on June 14 and will meet again in August to review the revised MVP FERC schedule. Fundraising to address the DEIS is now urgent.**
- 6. Preserve Craig supported a letter to FERC from Preserve Monroe regarding the Peters Mountain Wilderness Area, Mystery Ridge and the Appalachian Trail in a show of solidarity.**
- 7. Preserve Craig continues to press for investigation and changes at the FERC.**
- 8. Preserve Craig continues to work with other preserve coalitions, particularly the POWHR (Preserve our Water. Heritage, and Rights) coalition. Currently POWHR is focusing on two important needs: creating a landowner coalition across the entire length of MVP to better inform and protect landowners along the route and coordinating science and environmental work completed by groups represented in this coalition.**
- 9. 16 month's work to date – over 1750 pages submitted on behalf of community to defend Craig County representing over \$200,000 in volunteer efforts.**