



# **Preserve Craig ~ Sustaining the Quality of Life We Value**

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## **Report to the Craig County Board of Supervisors March 2, 2017**

### **Current Status of the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and the Jefferson National Forest Plan**

- 1. Extensive Comments were submitted to the FERC by Preserve Craig documenting serious flaws in the MVP Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Preserve Craig continues to request it be withdrawn as inadequate and incomplete.**
- 2. The schedule for the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) may be delayed slightly as MVP filed new information later than requested, on February 17, and the FERC has now requested additional information. In addition, Norman Bay, the FERC chairman, resigned, leaving the Commission without a quorum to make decisions, which would be required on a time-required basis, upon publishing of the final EIS.**
- 3. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy continues to strongly oppose the MVP project as seriously damaging to the AT. FERC has told MVP to submit new data on AT viewshed impacts. Other national organizations such as the Wilderness Society are now vocally opposing MVP.**
- 4. Preserve Craig participated in a meeting with Jefferson National Forest Superintendent Job Timms on Tuesday, February 28, along with our attorney and representatives from Giles, Monroe, and Montgomery Counties and from the national and state Wilderness Society. The Forest Service would have to change the Forest Plan in several places before MVP could be issued a special use permit. The schedule for this process has not been confirmed.**
- 5. Preserve Craig's national petition to ask the Forest Service and other public representatives to demand the DEIS be withdrawn and permits not be issued was submitted to the FERC in December, during the DEIS comment period. A hard copy was delivered to the Forest Service asking the Forest Service to hold public meetings on the impact of MVP on our area.**
- 6. The Forest Service would consider participating in a meeting in Craig County and listening to public comment if they were invited to a public meeting that they were not responsible for.**
- 7. Funds are needed for the next stage of MVP opposition and requests for donations to Preserve Craig is ongoing.**
- 8. Two full years of work to date – over 3000 pages submitted on behalf of our community to defend Craig County, representing over \$300,000 in volunteer efforts. Over \$50,000 in actual tax deductible donations have been collected and used for educational and environmental protection efforts.**