



# Preserve Craig ~ Sustaining the Quality of Life We Value

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## Report to the Craig County Board of Supervisors April 6, 2017

### Recent Activities Regarding the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and the Jefferson National Forest Plan

1. On March 31 the FERC revised the schedule for Environmental Review of MVP, planning to issue the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on June 23, 2017, followed by a 90-day deadline for a final decision by the FERC Commissioners by September 21, 2017.
2. Today, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) informed MVP that DEQ will require MVP to obtain an individual 401 Permit for the project, in addition to the Army Corps of Engineers blanket permit. DEQ will hold public hearing on draft certificates before the State Water Control Board considers approval. WV just issued similar permits.
3. MVP continues to provide flawed and incomplete info to FERC. Recent maps of the routes through Craig and other Counties are not accessible and include previously undisclosed access roads, including two in Craig County, one of which would cross Sinking Creek from 42.
4. Preserve Craig representatives followed up its February meeting with the Forest Service (FS) by going to Atlanta regional headquarters to discuss the MVP project and object to the four changes to the Forest Management Plan that would be required before issuing MVP a Special Use Permit. Other participants included The Wilderness Society, Save Monroe and the Newport Historical District.
5. Preserve Craig submitted documentation to the FS and the FERC providing proof of the risks, science, and policy reasons why the FS must not change its Management Plan just for MVP.
6. Both the FERC and the FS continue requesting more information from MVP, including a FS critique of the flaws in the newest data submitted by MVP on the viewshed impact of the initial construction and long-term right-of-way that would scar our mountains, possibly forever.
7. Preserve Craig is funding several legal efforts and recently helped to sponsor an aerial video and photo documentation of the mountain route of MVP across Craig County.
8. The Forest Service indicated interest 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 running.
9. Funds are needed to oppose MVP and requests for donations to Preserve Craig is ongoing.
10. Over two years of work to date – over 3200 pages submitted on behalf of our community to defend Craig County, representing over \$310,000 in volunteer efforts. Over \$55,000 in actual tax deductible donations have been collected and used for educational and environmental protection efforts.