



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

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## **Report to the Craig County Board of Supervisors September 1, 2016**

### **Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP), Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) and Craig County Events and Activities since the August 4, 2016 Board Meeting**

- 1. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is still scheduled for release in September. Efforts will be focused on inaccuracies in resource reports, noncompliance with NEPA, and working with cooperating agencies in addressing environmental impact issues.**
- 2. Preserve Craig continues to closely monitor activities at FERC. A new private format for taking public DEIS comments in private is causing public disenfranchisement. To avoid protests, FERC is taking comments via stenography in private instead of a public forum.**
- 3. Preserve Craig will publish a 2017 Calendar and is accepting photos. Ad spaces are sold out.**
- 4. A survey of other counties shows MVP has not updated its public filings since October, 2015.**
- 5. POWHR, Sierra Club, and Appalachian Voices are holding a series of community meetings to inform community members about the upcoming draft environmental impact study (DEIS) for mountain valley pipeline. Meetings scheduled to date are:  
Sept.6, Tuesday, 7pm Preserve Bent Mountain and Preserve Franklin County  
Bent Mountain Community Center, 10148 Tinsley Lane, Bent Mountain, VA  
Sept. 8, Thursday, 6 pm Preserve Monroe County, Lindside United Methodist Church,  
Community Building, 8764 Seneca Trail S (Route 219) Lindside, WV  
Sept 13, Tuesday, 7pm Preserve Montgomery County,  
Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman St, Christiansburg, VA**
- 6. Jake Lemon of Trout Unlimited is planning water monitoring training for all interested preserve groups in Blacksburg on Saturday, December 10, 2016. Time tba.**
- 7. Preserve Craig submitted as intervenor the Army Corps of Engineers national permitting comments (DPMC-12 comments) for inclusion on the docket.**
- 8. The Preserve Craig strategy/legal committee met in August to review the revised MVP FERC schedule in anticipation of the release of the DEIS in September and prioritize items for action. Fundraising to address the DEIS is now urgent.**
- 9. Preserve Craig participated with Preserve Giles and Preserve Montgomery in an awareness raising effort at the Newport Agricultural Fair in August. Due to excessive heat and limited turnout, booths were broken down mid afternoon. Preserve Craig will have a booth at this year's Craig County Fall Festival and will be selling 2017 Preserve Craig Calendars.**
- 10. 18 month's work to date – over 1800 pages submitted on behalf of community to defend Craig County representing over \$250,000 in volunteer efforts.**