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Casey and Kyle,

I have not fully reviewed the package for the above project but wanted to express my concerns up front.

South Fork Potts Creek is a highly sensitive stream containing our only known population of the federally endangered James Spiny mussel (*Pleurobema collina*). This watershed should be avoided in its entirety if at all possible. If it cannot be avoided then justification for continuing as planned needs to be provided and efforts to minimize impacts needs to be provided.

The Little Kanawha River likewise is a Group 2 stream with potential for federally listed species and justification for open trenching should also be provided.

These two stream crossings will not even be considered at this time without concurrence from the FWS.

As to all the other Group 1 stream crossings, no relocations will be approved at this time as the pipeline has not yet been fully authorized. Most likely permitting will exceed the time limit that would require an additional relocation effort prior to construction.

I understand the need to do surveys up front but I would like to have seen the design address alternative locations such that a mussel bed could be avoided if at all possible.

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