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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., N.E., Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Bose:

Subject: Request for Evaluation of Potential Effects of Herbicide Use and Topsoil
Segregation on Species Occurring within the Jefferson National Forest
OEP/DG2E/Gas3
Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC
Docket No. CP16-10-000

The Forest Service provides guidance for Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (MVP) regarding the scope of analysis when completing the revisions for biological documents for the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (MVP Project). On November 16, 2016, the Forest Service requested that MVP incorporate herbicide use and topsoil segregation on National Forest System land into the MVP Project proposal in order to analyze these two project activities in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). On December 16, 2016, MVP filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a response incorporating herbicide use and topsoil segregation on National Forest land into the MVP Project Proposal. The Forest Service therefore requests that FERC analyze these two project activities in the FEIS and that MVP update biological reports accordingly.

The Forest Service has recently submitted comments and recommended changes to evaluations of potential project effects on species discussed in various biological reports, including the Biological Assessment, Biological Evaluation, Management Indicator Species Report, and Locally Rare Species Report. As MVP incorporates our comments and recommendations, please also include an evaluation of potential effects of herbicide use and topsoil segregation on species occurring on NFS lands within the Jefferson National Forest. Please also include an evaluation of potential effects of herbicide use and topsoil segregation on species discussed in the Migratory Bird report and any other outstanding biological report.



For questions, please contact Jennifer Adams, Special Project Coordinator, by phone at (540) 265-5114 or by email at jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joby P. Timm", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOBY P. TIMM
Forest Supervisor

cc: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC