



## A Pipeline Summit: *Energize, Equip and Empower*

**Co-sponsored with POWHR (Protect Our Water Heritage Rights)**

**Saturday, April 23, 10 am to 3 pm**

**Weyers Cave Community Center, Weyers Cave, VA**

(Exit 235 of I-81, 1.5 m east on Rt. 256, 15 north of Staunton,)

**(\$10 charge for lunch and beverages, payable at meeting)**

**10 am      Welcome** – Lewis Freeman, ABRA, and Laurie Ardison, POWHR

**10:15 am    Pipeline Economics – The Need and the Impacts**

*Discussion of recent economic work addressing the need for new pipelines and their impacts. Participants will be: Greg Buppert, Southern Environmental Law Center; former utility executive Thomas Hadwin; Spencer Phillips, Key-Log Economics; and Lorne Stockman, Oil Change International. Moderator: Lewis Freeman, ABRA.*

**11 am       Environmental Challenges – New Tools That Are Available**

*Rick Webb, Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition, will present highlights of the Downstream Strategies report on water testing for wells, springs and municipal water systems, as well as an overview of the latest iteration of the GIS mapping system determining pipeline route impacts on water, geology, etc.*

**11:30 am    Lessons Learned in the Battlefield**

*Panel discussion on experiences in combatting proposed pipelines, featuring Jane Kleeb, who led the fight against the Keystone XL Pipeline. Other panelists: Laurie Ardison and Ellen Darden, POWHR; and Allen Johnson, Eight-Rivers Council. Moderator: Nancy Sorrells, Augusta County Alliance.*

**12:30 pm    Lunch**

**1:15 pm      Breakout discussion groups**

1. **Pipeline Economics** – Extension of earlier presentation, with focus on what else we need to know and show to best utilize that information.
2. **Growing the Grass Roots** – How do we improve our techniques to rally affected citizens to become involved and effective in the pipeline fights?
3. **Political Climate Change** – What are the messages and strategies to change receptivity of federal, state and local legislators and officials to our messages?
4. **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** – Continued discussion about how this tool can enhance understanding and messages to officials about the impacts of pipelines.
5. **Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)** – Why do we need it and what needs to be done to make it happen?

**2:15 pm      Reports from discussion groups**

**3 pm            Adjourn**