



## **ABRA Update #22 – April 1, 2015**

### **Forest Service Extends Comment Period for MVP Surveying**

The Jefferson National Forest (JNF) has announced that the comment period for the Mountain Valley Pipeline's request to survey has been extended until April 17, 2015. The deadline had been April 2.

In a press release issued March 31, the JNF stated:

*"The Forest Service is extending the comment period on surveying two additional areas for the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline. The two additional areas include a 5.3-mile segment and a 6.2-mile segment, crossing the Jefferson National Forest in Craig, Montgomery, and Roanoke counties, Virginia and Monroe County, West Virginia. Comments are now being accepted through Friday, April 17, 2015. Comments should focus on concerns about surveying on the national forest."*

Continuing, the statement said:

*"Granting this extension will give citizens of Craig, Montgomery, Roanoke, and Monroe counties opportunities to discuss these alternative routes with Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC prior to submitting comments on the survey to the Forest Service."*

Comments should be sent to:

Email - [comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us)

U.S. mail - USDA Forest Service

George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

ATTN: Mountain Valley Pipeline Survey Comments

5162 Valleypointe Parkway

Roanoke, VA 24019

### **Mountain Valley Pipeline Sues Landowners Over Surveying**

A petition was filed on Friday, March 27 in Federal District Court in Beckley by Mountain Valley Pipeline to compel over West Virginia 100 property owners to permit surveying for the proposed pipeline. Details on the lawsuit and the circumstances are in the last news item listed below.

## **In the News . . .**

**Pipeline questions continue to surface** – Franklin News-Post (Rocky Mount, VA), 3/25/15

<http://www.thefranklinnewspost.com/article.cfm?ID=29501>

**Nelson 151 worried proposed pipeline will hurt local businesses**

– WVIR29 (Charlottesville), 3/25/15

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/28614773/nelson-151-worried-proposed-pipeline-will-hurt-local-businesses>

**Dominion plans to build natural gas power plant in Southside**

– Richmond Times-Dispatch, 3/26/15

[http://www.richmond.com/business/local/article\\_9a4f9f8b-2dc2-5e47-bd2d-dc8d206ee327.html](http://www.richmond.com/business/local/article_9a4f9f8b-2dc2-5e47-bd2d-dc8d206ee327.html)

**\*McAuliffe stands by Atlantic Coast Pipeline** – Lynchburg News & Advance, 3/26/15

[http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/press-pass/press-pass-mcauliffe-stands-by-atlantic-coast-pipeline/article\\_38f304e0-d3d0-11e4-b59f-ff4fd90dacd6.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/press-pass/press-pass-mcauliffe-stands-by-atlantic-coast-pipeline/article_38f304e0-d3d0-11e4-b59f-ff4fd90dacd6.html)

**Christian reflections on the pipeline** – Roanoke Times, 3/27/15

[http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/dulaney-christian-reflections-on-the-pipeline/article\\_3d90932a-9c78-5035-9c19-c6ad3b054e68.html](http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/dulaney-christian-reflections-on-the-pipeline/article_3d90932a-9c78-5035-9c19-c6ad3b054e68.html)

**Groups opposed to potential pipelines hold meeting in Upshur County**

– WDTV (Bridgeport, WV), 3/28/15

<http://www.wdtv.com/wdtv.cfm?func=view&section=5-News&item=Groups-Opposed-to-Potential-Pipelines-Hold-Meeting-in-Upshur-Co-22165>

**DEP director seeking gas pipeline strategy** – Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice, 3/29/15

<http://citizensvoice.com/opinion/dep-director-seeking-gas-pipeline-strategy-1.1855132>

**As natural gas pipes drop, budgets, jobs are scaled back** – Bakken, 3/30/15

<http://bakken.com/news/id/235913/as-natural-gas-pipes-drop-budgets-jobs-are-scaled-back/>

**Dominion Resources CEO Farrell made \$17.3M in 2014**

– The State (Columbia, SC), 3/31/15

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/national-business/article16993157.html>

**\*Free Nelson Responds to Governor McAuliffe's radio remarks**

– Augusta Free Press, 3/31/15

<http://augustafreepress.com/free-nelson-responds-to-governor-mcauliffes-radio-remarks-on-proposed-pipeline/>

**Congressman Hurt not taking sides in pipeline debate** – WVIT-TV, Charlottesville, 3/31/15

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/28673231/congressman-hurt-not-taking-sides-in-pipeline-debate>

**Pipeline talks lead companies away from local farm**

– WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV, 3/31/15

<http://www.wboy.com/story/28676071/pipeline-talks-lead-companies-away-from-local-farm>

**\*Farmer has cautionary tale for those in path of planned pipeline**

– Fayetteville Observer 3/31/15

[http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/robeson-county-farmer-has-cautionary-tale-for-those-in-path/article\\_ce999e69-5bbf-5109-96b1-bd05de8c3393.html](http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/robeson-county-farmer-has-cautionary-tale-for-those-in-path/article_ce999e69-5bbf-5109-96b1-bd05de8c3393.html)

**\*Aww, FERC is frustrated** – Staunton News-Leader, 3-31-15

<http://www.newsleader.com/story/opinion/columnists/2015/03/31/aww-ferc-frustated/70725024/>

**Study finds methane emissions from U.S. Natural Gas distribution systems 36 to 70 % lower than EPA estimates** – Greentech Media, 3/31/15

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/industry/read/study-finds-methane-emissions-from-u-s-natural-gas-distributi-356264>

**Craig County gets new chances for pipeline information, comments**

– Roanoke Times, 4/1/15

[http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/craig-county-gets-new-chances-for-pipeline-information-comments/article\\_81fbc6da-41f9-51cf-bd97-d8d92904fcae.html](http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/craig-county-gets-new-chances-for-pipeline-information-comments/article_81fbc6da-41f9-51cf-bd97-d8d92904fcae.html)

**\*MVP files suit against W.Va. landowners** – Register-Herald (Beckley, WV), 4/1/15

[http://www.register-herald.com/news/pipeline-company-files-suit-against-w-va-landowners/article\\_4ccc6303-1b33-50a5-9713-bb4ac1a92865.html](http://www.register-herald.com/news/pipeline-company-files-suit-against-w-va-landowners/article_4ccc6303-1b33-50a5-9713-bb4ac1a92865.html)