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**USDA FOREST SERVICE PUBLISHES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY PROJECT DECISION**

ROANOKE, VA.—December 11, 2020— The USDA Forest Service published a Notice of Availability today that a final Supplement Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Mountain Valley Pipeline is available for public comment. The FSEIS analyzes the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands for the Mountain Valley Pipeline project, as well as associated project-specific amendments for the Jefferson National Forest Plan.

The Forest Service prepared the final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to address new information and changed circumstances, such as new federally listed threatened and endangered species and critical habitat designations, as well as the Fourth Circuit Court’s 2018 ruling vacating the Bureau of Land Management’s Right-of-Way and the Forest Service’s Forest Plan amendment.

In addition, the final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement considers erosion, sedimentation, and water quality effects, and applies the Planning Rule requirements for soil, riparian resources, and threatened and endangered species to the Forest Plan amendments.

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