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**Date:** January 16, 2015

John Centofanti  
Corporate Director  
Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC  
625 Liberty Avenue  
Suite 1700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Dear Mr. Centofanti:

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests has completed screening a revised proposal submitted on November 25, 2014 by the Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (MVP) to conduct field routing, environmental, cultural resources, and civil surveys on National Forest System lands in Monroe County, West Virginia, Giles County, and Montgomery County, Virginia for a 1 year or less term. The field surveys are planned to be conducted along a 300 foot wide by 2.13 mile long pipeline survey corridor. This survey corridor consists of an approximately 77.5 acre study area of the Jefferson National Forest.

The proposal was screened in accordance with the special use screening criteria found at 36 C.F.R. § 251.54(e) and is being accepted as a formal application for further processing. The application number is BBW433301T.

Cost recovery regulations found at 36 C.F.R. § 251.58 require me to assess fees to recover the agency's processing costs for special use applications and monitoring costs for special use authorizations. MVP has submitted sufficient information for me to estimate the number of hours required to process this application and monitor the authorization, if granted. I have determined that this project qualifies for a Category 6 Major Cost Recovery Agreement.

Enclosed is a draft agreement for your review and signature by the authorized representative of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC. The agreement is intended to cover all of those costs necessary to process and monitor a temporary, 1 year or less site survey and testing permit. It is also intended to cover the necessary cooperating agency time required in the FERC pre-filing process that will be occurring concurrently with the processing of the application and monitoring of a temporary survey authorization, if granted.

Please review, sign, and return the enclosed agreement at your convenience. I will then sign and return a copy for your records. Once executed, the agreement will be sent to our Albuquerque Service Center (ASC) for processing. ASC will submit a Bill for Collection to you for payment of the processing fee. Once the fee is paid, I will endeavor to process the application and make a decision within 60 days on whether or not to issue MVP a temporary, 1 year or less, site survey and testing permit. If a permit is granted, then MVP will receive a bill for the initial estimated monitoring fee and the land use rental fee.



If you have any questions, please contact my coordinator for this project, Alex Faught, Lands Program Manager, at (540) 265-5192 or [afaught@fs.fed.us](mailto:afaught@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H. Thomas Speaks, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

H. THOMAS SPEAKS, JR.  
Forest Supervisor

