

Hello my name is Randy Whiting and I live in Horizons Village over in Nellysford. The Appalachian Trail South Alternative runs through Horizons Village. In fact it runs through 65 acres of steep forested mountain ridge that sit just above one of the 2 major gravel roads that serve our development. This ridge is steep with slopes as great as 58 Degrees, and none less than 30 degrees. This ridge was left forested and undeveloped to help stabilize it, and even with this we have had problems with small rockslide on that ridge. The construction of this pipeline would clear cut over 12 acres of this ridge and dig or blast through the highly fractured bedrock below the shallow soil that covers that ridge. The resulting loss of stabilizing tree roots and loss of forest canopy would open that ridge up to increased water retention from the mountain storms we regularly get in this area. This raises 3 issues for us.

1) Landslides: How is Dominion going to stabilize that slop during and after construction so that it dose not come down on top of us.

2) Sedimentation: The pipeline cuts across and down these 58 degree slopes and then travels through a wetland area that serves the Spruce Creek. Given that Dominion had to enter into a Consent Order in West Virginia because of over 16 water sedimentation violations within one 8 month period we went to the Dominion Open House and ask what their environmental engineers' what they would do here in Virginia that they didn't do in West Virginia to stop this sedimentation. There answer was We Don't Know! We respectfully suggest that if they want to build a pipeline through the Blue Ridge Mountains they should know.

The third thing that concerns us is our water. This ridge and the pipeline rout cuts across it intersects with at least 5 large natural drainage systems inside of Horizons Village. These drainage systems feed water from that ridge to the streams, springs, and wells that serve our community. We have one stream that begins. Runs. and ends all within the confines of our 400 acre development. Almost all of the water that in contributed to this stream comes from that ridge. When we ask the engineers about the possibility of the pipeline changing that water flow they said that the water could flow along the pipe but not to worry they would put in risers to protect the pipe. Now we are glad there pipe is going to be OK, but what we really want to know is are we going to be OK, are our rivers going to be OK, are our wells going to be OK. They just don't seem to be concerned about that.

Because Horizons Village is located in the Mountains of Nelson County everything I have just told you about us is also true for the rest of Nelson. Nelson is the wrong place for this pipeline, and we will in no way aid you in its construction. We want you to know you will need to take our land by eminent domain in order to do this.

Thank you.