



New Jersey Highlands Coalition

Action Alert

The Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company is proposing a pipeline that would cut through some of the most sensitive lands and critical water supply areas in the Highlands. This project will destroy public parklands to export gas from the Marcellus Shale. Gas in the pipeline will be produced through fracking, a dangerous drilling technique that threatens our water supply.

Later this month the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will be releasing the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Northeast Upgrade Project. Legally, FERC is not required to hold public hearings on the document but can if there is "substantial environmental controversy" and significant public interest. [Write to FERC now and urge that public hearings be held on this project!](#)

The pipeline crosses underneath the Delaware River and Monksville Reservoir, potentially impacting drinking water supplies for millions of people. In New Jersey, about 50% of the project is located on public lands including the Appalachian Trail, High Point State Park, and Ramapo County Reservation. If pushed through, this pipeline will destroy critical habitat, threaten our water supply, and clear cut forests on state land.

Please make your voice heard by requesting public hearings be held on this dangerous project! Follow [this link](#) to the NJ Sierra Club's website to add your name to a written request that will

be sent to FERC.

It is unacceptable to put our water supply at risk by further shredding the Highlands core forests and watersheds, in addition to the cumulative potential impacts of fracking, for the sake of interstate shipping of natural gas. We cannot allow this company to get away with destroying our public land for a second time!

Thank you for your help!

The New Jersey Highlands Coalition represents a diverse network of organizations - small and large, local, regional, statewide and national - and individuals with the common goal to protect, enhance and restore the New Jersey Highlands and to preserve the quality and quantity of drinking water both for the 800,000 people in the Highlands as well as the more than 4.6 million people in surrounding areas who depend on Highlands water. For more information visit our [website](#), like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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