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TO: George Washington and Jefferson National Forest Supervisor Joby P. Timm
FROM: Save Monroe
RE: Questions About Unannounced Road Closure on Pocahontas Rd on 3-31-18

Dear Supervisor Timm:

Please see the attached letter of concern regarding unannounced Pocahontas Road closure on March 31, 2018.

We have heard reports that since early this morning (3-31-18) Pocahontas Road has been closed at its intersection with Clendennin Road and that USFS personnel are not allowing members of the public on that section of the road, not even on foot. Members of the public were told that the road is closed for safety reasons for an unknown number of days.

When we just checked The GW&JNF Website, the only relevant order that appears is "The Revised Mountain Valley Pipeline Project Emergency Closure Order N. 08-08-11-18-03" which you issued on March 19, 2018.

The reports of today's Forest Service activity raise critical questions:

1. Are the reports that the Pocahontas Road is closed between the gate "first Forest Service gate" as shown on the map in Order N. 08-08-11-18-03 and its intersection with Clendennin Road accurate?
2. If so, under what authority did USFS personnel close that road segment?
3. If they are not operating under your authority as JNF Supervisor, what steps are you planning to take to remedy this confusing and potentially dangerous situation?

We would appreciate a timely written response to these questions. Please respond either by email to SaveMonroeWV@gmail.com or by mail to Save Monroe c/o Nancy Bouldin, PO Box 172, Greenville, WV 24945.

Respectfully submitted,
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