



WEST VIRGINIA RIVERS

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Mr. Travis Long, Director
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West Virginia Division of Highways
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Submitted by email to: travis.e.long@wv.gov

Re: Comments on Corridor H - Wardensville to VA Line

Mr. Long,

West Virginia Rivers Coalition respectfully submits the below comments following the public meeting on Thursday, September 21st for the proposed Wardensville to Virginia State Line Section of the Appalachian Highway Corridor H Project.

We are appreciative of the multiple opportunities for public input provided throughout the development of this project. In particular, we are heartened to know the Environmental Assessment will be circulated for comment before a decision is made whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact, or prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

However, public engagement is most valuable when agencies provide responses to the public's comments. As such, we request a response to our previous comments, submitted 12 December 2022, that detailed concerns related to the Corridor H Project history of non-compliance, protection of trout and high quality tier 3 streams, source water protection, as well as springs and karst.

Finally, we request a full public hearing for the presentation of the Environmental Assessment findings. A public hearing will allow community members to bring concerns to WVDOH personnel in a format in which all attendees will hear all questions and concerns, and be afforded the opportunity to hear all responses from WV DOH and project personnel.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Angie Rosser
West Virginia Rivers Coalition