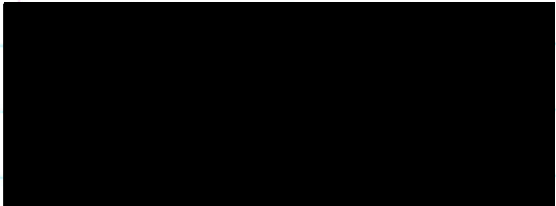


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Carol D. Ampel



TO: PNW Regional Forester, Objections Review Officer
VIA: United States Postal Service
Subject: 36 CFR 218 Objection Pacific Connector
Pipeline Site Specific Plan Amendments for the
Umpqua, Rogue River-Siskiyou, and Fremont-Winema
National Forests

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

In accordance with 36 C.F.R. Part 218,
I, Carol D. Ampel, hereby object to the
project described below.

DOCUMENT TITLE: Opportunity to Object,
Plan Amendments for Pacific Connector Gas
Pipeline on the Umpqua, Rogue River-Siskiyou,
and Fremont-Winema National Forests.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Forest Service proposes
to approve 30.6 miles of the Pacific Connector
Pipeline route across the National Forest System.

This proposal includes approximately 591 acres of forests for the construction of the Pipeline Project and an additional 186 acres of permanent right-of-way. This decision would allow crossing of 10.8 miles on the Umpqua National Forest in Douglas County, 13.7 miles on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in Jackson County, and 6 miles on the Fremont-Winema National Forest in Klamath County.

PROJECT LOCATION (Forest/District): Umpqua, Rogue-River-Siskiyou, and Fremont-Winema National Forests, Douglas, Jackson, and Klamath Counties, Oregon.

NAME AND TITLE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:

Alice B. Carlton, Forest Supervisor and Responsible Official, Umpqua National Forest

OBJECTOR: Carol D. Ampel, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

TIMELINESS: This objection is timely filed.

Notice of the Opportunity to Object To "Site Specific" Plan Amendments for Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline proposed decision was published in the Federal Register on November 22, 2019. Forty-five days from November 22, 2019 is January 5, 2020.

REQUEST FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION:

I, Carol D. Ampel, hereby request a meeting to discuss potential resolution of the issues raised in this objection.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THOSE ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED DECISION ADDRESSED BY THE OBJECTION:

1. I have mentioned in numerous comment periods over the last 15 years, that it should be unacceptable for the Forest Service to essentially throw out forest management plans and policies developed through many hours of study and consideration (and taxpayer dollars) in order to accommodate a private corporation's wishes.
2. I have previously voiced my concern about the permanent loss of trees in a 95' wide swath of public forests. This clearcut over a pipeline "right of way" is unacceptable.
3. The lands this pipeline would cross are famously unstable. They are slide-prone and past slides have destroyed roads and highways. A pipeline would be just as vulnerable to damage. The disruptions to slopes and soils caused by road-building and excavation increases the risks enormously.

4. I have voiced my concern about the damage, short-term and long, even permanent, to the multitude of stream crossings the pipeline would entail. Many are fish-bearing waters critical to maintaining healthy fisheries of salmonids, and both damage to riparian buffers and actual in-stream disruption should be unacceptable to you as protectors of these resources.

5. In my previous comments I have spoken of the high hazards of wildfires throughout this entire route. Wildfires have become more intense and more frequent in southern Oregon and likely will continue this trajectory. Putting a gas pipeline in the midst of potential infernos should give pause.

6. I have voiced my concerns about the damage to such a pipeline in case (not "if" but "when") the Cascadia ~~subju~~ subduction zone gives way in a magnitude 8 or 9 earthquake.

None of these issues have been adequately addressed by the pipeline company. FERC's review ahead of their giving Pembina the go-ahead admitted that this project posed serious hazards but postulated that the

company would be able to "mitigate" them, although the company has certainly not provided details or any binding plans to do so. They are certainly not yet worthy of your blessing.

SUGGESTED REMEDIES THAT WOULD RESOLVE THE OBJECTION:

I, Carol D. Ampel, respectfully request that the Forest Service withdraw this recommended project and

- 1) Prepare a project that meets the standards and guidelines of the existing land use management plan; or
- 2) Deny the project

DESCRIBE HOW THE OBJECTION RELATES TO PRIOR COMMENTS:

The stop-and-start FERC planning process for routing the pipeline through public lands has been complex, confusing, misleading and difficult to follow for ordinary citizens. What I do clearly understand is that I value and use and cherish the forests and watersheds that our Forest Service manages on behalf of the public. Throughout the extensive FERC planning process, I and many others have worked to

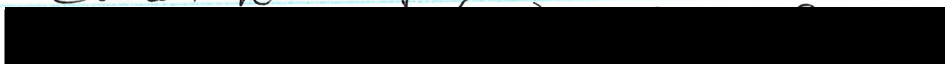
express my deep concerns over the impacts of this proposed pipeline on our public lands. Now, to the best of my ability, I am attempting to again convey my great concern through an administrative objection to the Forest Service over its proposal to re-designate my public forest lands as a permanent giveaway to a foreign energy company.

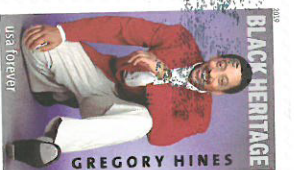
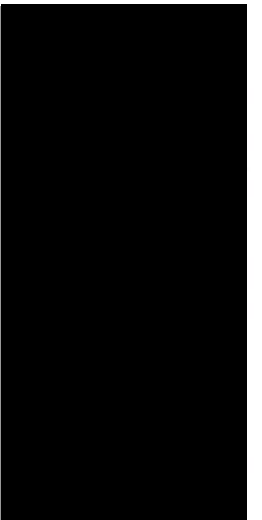
STATEMENT OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE
PROPOSED SITE-SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENTS
ACTION:

- 1) The Forest Service failed to consider an alternative that does not require exempting this applicant from their forest plans as written.
- 2) The cumulative effects of this proposal on watersheds, wildlife, and fire management have not been analyzed for "the purpose and effects" as required by law.
- 3) The pipeline construction fails to meet requirements of the Northwest Forest Plan aquatic conservation strategy and survey-and-manage programs, and should not be exempt from them.

Sincerely,

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