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PNW Regional Forester, Objections Reviewing Officer,

Subject: 36 CFR 218 Objection Pacific Connector Pipeline Site Specific Plan Amendments for the Umpqua, Rogue River-Siskiyou, and Fremont-Winema National Forests

Dear Forest Service: In accordance with 36 C.F.R. Part 218, I, Denise Tschann, 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 Rouge 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.

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

OBJECTOR: Denise Tschann [REDACTED]

This objection is timely filed. Notice of the Opportunity to Objection 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.

I, Denise Tschann hereby request a meeting to discuss potential resolution of the issues raised in this objection. I object as I believe the NEPA process is flawed. The Forest Service has; failed to disclose site-specific effects; and failed to take local and regional effects and consequences of this destructive and long term issues described herein.

Natural gas is largely made up of methane, a potent greenhouse gas that traps dozens of times more heat in the planet's atmosphere than the same amount of carbon dioxide. Environmental groups contend that actual methane emissions from leaks and intentional venting at fossil-fuel operations are many times greater than what is now publicly reported. <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/overview-greenhouse-gases>

Methane doesn't linger as long in the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, it is initially however, far more devastating to the climate as well as humans and wildlife that come into contact with it. In the first two



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decades after its release, methane is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. *Both* types of emissions must be addressed if we want to effectively reduce the impact of climate change, the threat to human and wildlife and protect our natural resources.

<https://www.edf.org/methane-other-important-greenhouse-gas>

#### SUGGESTED REMEDIES THAT WOULD RESOLVE THE OBJECTION:

- I, Denise Tschann, respectfully request that the Forest Service withdraw the 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.

#### HOW THE OBJECTION RELATE TO PRIOR COMMENTS:

The stop and start FERC planning process for routing the pipeline through public lands has been confusing, complex, misleading, and difficult to follow for ordinary citizens. What I know is that I value and use the forests and watersheds that the Forest Service manages on behalf of the public. Throughout the extensive FERC planning process, I, like many others, have attempted to voice my concerns over the impacts of pipeline construction on my public lands. Now to the best of my ability I am attempting to again convey my concern through an administrative objection to the Forest Service over its proposal to re-designate my public forest lands as a permanent give-away to a foreign energy company.

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

1. The Forest Service failed to consider an alternative that doesn't require exempting this applicant from their forest plans as written.
2. The cumulative effects of this proposal on watershed, wildlife, and fire management have not been analyzed for "the purpose and the 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.

I live here and I am directly affected by the effects of the Jordan Cove and LNG project involving our natural waterways, the diversity of our forests and agricultural lands, the quality of the air I breathe, the local and regional foods I ingest down to the regional industries which are clean and sustaining industries, unlike the LNG project.

Signed, Denise Tschann

