

Forest Service Objection

Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Pipeline

To: Pacific Northwest Regional Forester, Objections Reviewing Officer

Date: December 22, 2019

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

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

Objector: James K. Neu, [REDACTED]

Dear Forest Service:

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 218, I James K. Neu, object to the project described below.

The Forest Service proposes to approve 30.6 miles of the Pacific Connector Pipeline (PCP) 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.

This objection is filed within the Notice of the Opportunity to Objection to "Site Specific" Plan Amendments for Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline proposed decision which was published in the Federal Register on Nov. 22, 2019. Forty Five days from Nov. 22, 2019 is January 5, 2020.

The Forest Service has failed to investigate the many concerns associated with this project and has failed to disclose site-specific effects of the Pacific Connector Pipeline Project. Also, the Forest Service has failed to consider a reasonable alternative that doesn't require exempting Jordan Cove from adhering to the Forest Service Plan. The Forest Service did not consider site-specific impacts that pipeline construction would have on the environment and must disclose impacts and plans for mitigation on a site specific basis.

The pipeline project plan undermines the Forest Service's "Survey Manage" protocol, created to ensure the protection of federally protected endangered species. The Service did not analyze nor mitigate the increase of fire risk from the LNG pipeline. Late Successional and Riparian Reserves should not be stripped of protections at the behest of a foreign fossil fuel company.

The cumulative effects of this proposal on watershed, wildlife, fire management, and lifecycle carbon emissions contribution to global warming has not been analyzed for their comprehensive "purpose and effects" as required by law. This proposal fails to meet requirements of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy and should not be exempt from analysis and mitigation from landslides, sedimentation, and waterway degradation.

I have expressed my concerns that this pipeline would have negative impacts on public lands by commenting in the past through the FERC process. Again, I am conveying my concerns 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 fossil fuel corporation.

I, James K. Neu, request a public meeting in each of the counties affected by this project to discuss a potential resolution of the issues raised in this objection. I, James K. Neu, respectfully request that the Forest Service withdraw the recommended project and prepare a project that meets the standards and guidelines of the existing land use management plan and/ or deny the project.

Respectfully submitted,

James K. Neu

