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**TO:** PNW Regional Forester, Objections Reviewing Officer

**VIA:** <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=28132>

**Subject:** 36 CFR 219.54(c) Objection Pacific Connector Pipeline Forest Plan Amendments for the Umpqua, Rogue River Siskiyou, and Fremont-Winema National Forests

Dear Forest Service:

In accordance with 36 C.F.R. Part 219 I, Jennifer Ekstrom, hereby object to the project described below.

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

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed action will make provision for 30.6 miles of the Pacific Connector Pipeline route to cross National Forest System (NFS) lands administered by the above-mentioned Forests. These areas affected by this decision include approximately 591 acres of lands associated with the proposed construction of the Pacific Connector Pipeline Project and approximately 186 acres associated with the proposed permanent right of way for the Pipeline Project, which would cross approximately 10.8 miles on the Umpqua Nation 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 FremontWinema 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.

**LEAD OBJECTOR:** Jennifer Ekstrom, [REDACTED]

**TIMELINESS:** This objection is timely filed. Notice of the Opportunity to Object to Plan Amendments for Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline proposed decision was published in the federal register on November 22, 2019. Sixty days from November 22 is January 20, 2020.

**REQUEST FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION:** I, Jennifer Ekstrom, hereby request a meeting to discuss potential resolution of the issues raised in this objection.

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES:**

The current Land Use Management Plan for the Forest Service equires that developments such as pipelines in older forests or land use allocation - Late Successional Reserves, must be neutral or beneficial "for the creation and maintenance of late-successional habitat." The proposed action to amend the existing forest plan to create a permanent clearcut through old growth forests, to facilitate a fracked gas export LNG project does not meet the neutral or beneficial standard. Designating Matrix land use allocations to Late Successional Reserves will not mitigate the environmental consequences from the proposed Fracked Gas Jordan Cove Pacific Connector Pipeline.

**SUGGESTED REMEDIES THAT WOULD RESOLVE THE OBJECTION:** I request that the Forest Service withdraw and reject the Jordan Cove Pacific Connector Pipeline.

**DESCRIBE HOW THE OBJECTIONS 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. I value and use the forests and watersheds that the Forest Service manages on behalf of the American citizenry. Throughout the extensive FERC planning process, I, like many others, have voiced my concerns about the impacts of pipeline construction on our public lands. Now to the best of my ability I am again conveying my concern through an administrative objection to the Forest Service regarding its proposal to re-designate American public forest lands and permanently give them away to a foreign energy company. Please reject and withdraw from all activities related to the Jordan Cove Pacific Connector Pipeline.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Signature: *Jennifer Ekstrom*  
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