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Comments: This letter is for the PNW Regional Forester, Objections Reviewing Officer

I acknowledge that the Responsible Official at the Forest Service is Alice B. Carlton: Forest supervisor and responsible official, Umpqua National Forest.

Project: 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,

My name is Toma Deavers and I am a registered intervenor for the Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Pipeline. I grew up in Glendale, Oregon, on the Cow Creek River in Douglas County. I have not submitted comments to the Forest Service before, as the recent issues of the pipeline crossing NFS land has just been brought to my attention. I do feel that my previous comments regarding The Project and the need for elected officials to protect the safety and interests of Oregonians--our water, land and wildlife--over the interests of Foreign, private corporations, directly relates to the Proposed Site Specific Plan Amendments for Pembina to put a pipeline through restricted areas within our National Forest System, our public trust lands.

I have attached Congressman Peter Defazio's letter to Inspector General Mark Lee Greenblatt wherein Congressman Defazio describes that Trump's appointee, Secretary of the Interior, David Bernhardt, is "disobeying both Federal Regulations 5C.F.R Section 2635.502 (d) and Executive Order 13740" by using his position as Secretary of Interior to benefit Pembina. I believe this illustrates a very clear bias on the part of David Bernhardt at the Department of Interior to put the interests of Pembina, a private, foreign company, above and beyond the interests and safety of American citizens and we should all be alarmed by this abuse of power.

It is very alarming that in an age of Global warming crises, the Forest Service is attempting to re-write land use laws and RMP's to accommodate a Foreign, private Corporation to allow it to put the Pacific Connector Pipeline through restricted areas within our National Forests. The protected LSR and Restricted Riparian Zones within our National Forests should be completely OFF LIMITS for a foreign company to put a pipeline through. I believe that enabling Pembina to put its pipeline through designated restricted areas in our National Forests sets a dangerous precedent for future projects that also want to re-write Land Use laws to do construction in our National Forests. These Forests are protected for the sake of American citizens and for future generations. They are not areas where foreign, private companies should have any access to.

The permits for the Pacific Connector Pipeline and Jordan Cove terminal must be denied WITH PREJUDICE as it poses too significant a risk to the safety and well-being of Oregonians. The benefits the Project would bring are tiny in comparison to the epic risks it poses to the safety of American citizens, Oregon rivers and land, and in particular, our threatened and endangered species.

In the FEIS just released in November for Pembina's Jordan Cove Energy Project, I read that The Pacific Connector Pipeline construction would involve rock blasting through many rivers and streams, potentially areas that fall within the NFS. This poses a significant risk for the salmon and all aquatic life.

The cutting down of trees in restricted riparian zones within the NFS is the WRONG THING TO DO with our salmon populations in Oregon struggling so hard due to global warming and climate instability. These riparian zones cool the streams and rivers for the salmon, and more loss to riparian zones would create a significant risk

to the threatened Oregon Coho Salmon. We need to be doing more to protect this threatened species instead of creating an even more hostile environment for them.

The sedimentation caused by the logging in NFS lands poses a huge risk to our threatened Coho salmon, as sedimentation clouds the waters impairing the salmon from hunting, and also takes needed oxygen out of the water that the salmon need to breathe. Sedimentation also causes toxic algae blooms that are lethal for the salmon as well as all aquatic life.

The cutting down of LSR in NFS is the wrong thing to do in an era of mega-fires and global warming. We need our Old Growth and Late Successional reserves for carbon sequestration, and for wildfire prevention. Studies have shown that homogenous, timber crop lands create a dangerous scenario for mega-fires to occur, while Old Growth forests are shown to actually mitigate the effects of wildfire.

The Pacific Connector Pipeline through Southern Oregon lands poses a huge fire risk, and Oregonians have already suffered enough devastation from wildfires. The logging needed to create the path of the pipeline itself creates a huge risk. The emissions of methane from the LNG pipeline also create an elevated risk of wildfire. The Pacific Connector Pipeline poses a huge explosion and fire risk from start to finish, including on NFS lands. Southern Oregonians, including my relatives and friends living down there, live in fear of wildfires and every summer have to live with wildfire smoke and other wildfire dangers throughout the summer. This is not a time to be creating more of a fire hazard by building an extremely explosive pipeline emitting methane gases through Southern Oregon!

Old Growth forests, as we know, are areas that provide homes for the Northern Spotted Owl, a threatened species, as well as many other species. We cannot afford to cut down Old Growth and other Late Successional Reserves due to the impact it would have on these wildlife species.

Oregon summers are getting hotter and dryer. Oregon already has issues with toxic blue green algae in the summertime. This algae kills threatened Coho salmon and other aquatic life and can also be lethal to humans and pets. We don't need to do more logging around our rivers and streams--**ESPECIALLY IN RESTRICTED ZONES WITHIN OUR NATIONAL FORESTS**. The sedimentation from this logging can cause toxic algae blooms that are lethal to salmon. Our Forest Service should be working to mitigate the already severe impacts of toxic algae blooms--and not contribute more threats of more algae blooms by approving logging near Oregon waters in NFS lands.

I believe our elected officials should be working to provide safety and well-being for American citizens--**NOT PRIVATE, FOREIGN companies**. Please deny the proposed Site Specific Amendment Plans for the Pacific Connector Pipeline on NFS lands. The risks to American citizens' safety, well-being and way of life, the risks to threatened Coho Salmon and Northern Spotted Owl as well as other threatened species, the risks to water quality standards in Oregon waters **FAR EXCEEDS ANY BENEFIT THIS CANADIAN PIPELINE** would bring to Oregonians.

Please deny **WITH PREJUDICE** any Site Specific Plan Amendments for the Umpqua, Rogue River-Siskiyou and Fremont-Winema National Forests.

Thank you for putting the safety of Oregonians above and beyond that of private, foreign interests.

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