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TO: PNW Regional Forester, Objections Reviewing Officer

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

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, Lori Church, 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 Nation 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.

NAME AND TITLE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Alice B. Carlton, Forest Supervisor and Responsible Official, Umpqua National Forest.

OBJECTOR: Lori Church,

**TIMELINESS:** 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.

**REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION:** I, Lori Church, hereby request a public 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:** Forested lands are a valuable resource in our world. These lands belong to the people and are used for hiking, birding and recreation. My concern lies in the following issues: The Forest Service has failed to disclose site-specific effects that the pipeline would have. The Forest Service failed to take a hard look at all of the various concerns associated with the pipeline. The Forest Service failed to consider reasonable alternatives to the project.

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

I, Lori Church, 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.

**DESCRIBE HOW THE OBJECTION RELATES TO PRIOR COMMENTS:** I have expressing my concerns that this pipeline would have negative impacts on public lands by commenting through the FERC process. Once again, I am trying to convey 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 fossil fuel corporation.

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED SITE-SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENTS ACTION:** I implore the Forest service to reconsider handing over approximately 591 acres of forests for the construction of the Pipeline Project and an additional 186 acres of permanent right of way. The Forest Service has failed to consider an alternative that doesn't require allowing a FOREIGN fossil fuel company, the Jordan Cove Pipeline, from adhering to their forest plans. Please consider the impacts this pipeline construction will have on our environment and additionally disclose this information to the people who it will directly and indirectly affect. The pipeline plan undermines the Forest Service's "survey-manage" protocol, created to ensure the protection of federally protected endangered species. Please analyze and consider the increased fire risk from the LNG pipeline project. Please also consider the effects of this project on the watershed, wildlife and fire management,

which has not been analyzed for a comprehensive "purpose and the effects" as required by law. The proposal fails to meet requirements of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy and should not be exempt from analysis and mitigation of landslides, sedimentation and waterway degradation.

Signed,

Lori Church