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Comments: TO: PNW Regional Forester, Objections Reviewing Officer

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, Karl Koessel, 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 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.

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.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

[Summary of Objection Points]

The current Land Use Management Plan for the Forest Service requires 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 which increases fire hazards, 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.

Please reject this proposed action.

Thank you for your attention to my opinion.

Sincerely,

Karl Koessel