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Comments: 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. With the increased potential for wildfire, any project that contributes to risk of fire, are not sustainable or acceptable. Increased clear cut area contributes to soil erosion and increasing sediment in wild salmon habitat and wild and scenic rivers that contribute to hazards to an already struggling species.

Other alternatives to the transport of this deadly substance must be considered. Those methods that minimize risk to the natural environment and that utilize already well traveled areas where any adverse impact can be immediately recognized and mitigated. Adverse impacts to natural environments should not be considered acceptable for increased profit in any project.

I, like many others, have attempted to voice my concerns over the impacts of pipeline construction on my public lands. Now to the best of my ability I am attempting to again convey my concern 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 energy company. I value our wild and scenic rivers and national forest lands that contribute to a healthy and sustainable living situation for thousands of species of plants and animals. They provide ongoing fresh air and clear water for healthy living as well as recreational opportunity. Any project that increases the risk of losing these vital areas or compromising the health and well being of so many plants, animals and people is not a project that should go forward.

Respectfully, Juanita J. Rinas