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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, Jim Bronson, 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 National 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.

LEAD OBJECTOR:

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, Jim Bronson, hereby request a meeting to discuss potential resolution of the issues raised in this objection.

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.

SUGGESTED REMEDIES THAT WOULD RESOLVE THE OBJECTION:

I and Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center et al. respectfully requests 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 OBJECTIONS RELATE TO PRIOR COMMENTS:

I have previously objected to the project. The text of my objection is copied below.

Signed,

signed

Previous Objection dated December 5, 2019

December 5, 2019

Attention: Protest Coordinator P.O. Box 71383 Washington, D.C. 20024-1383

Pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.5-2, the undersigned hereby protests the Decision amending the Resource Management Plans to accommodate the Pacific Connector pipeline. (DOI-BLM-ORWA- M000-2017-7-EIS (Jordan Cove LNG Terminal and Pacific Connector Pipeline Projects)).

Protester's Interests

I use these BLM lands for recreation, including backpacking, hiking and birding, and the pipeline would directly interfere with those uses.

Issue(s) Being Protested

Provide a description of why you oppose the BLM changing its management plan

I oppose the BLM amending their land use plan that was recently created with taxpayer monies in 2016 to facilitate a fracked gas pipeline that crosses waterways used for wildlife habitat and drinking water for communities.

Parts Of Plan Amendment Being Protested: This protest applies to the decision to amend the resource management plan, as well as the decision to grant a right-of-way lease for pipeline construction and use.

Statement Of Reasons:

The State Director's decision is in error because the BLM knew of the proposed pipeline when it established its current Resource Management Plan. Hence, the BLM should implement their Land Management Allocations within its plan, rather than re-designating them to facilitate fracked gas pipeline construction.

The stop and start FERC planning process for routing the pipeline through public lands has been confusing, complex, misleading, and difficult to follow for ordinary citizens. What I know is that I value and use the forests and watersheds that the BLM manages on behalf of the public. Throughout the extensive FERC planning process, 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 protest to the BLM over its proposal to re-designate my public forest lands as a permanent give-away to a foreign energy company.

Demonstration of Previous Engagement, Include Dates or Documents If Possible:

I have submitted comments regarding the proposed Pacific Connector Pipeline in 2016, 2017, 2018 and this one in 2019.

Sincerely,

signed