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Pacific Connector Protest Period Extended

Portland, Ore. – Today the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service announced that they plan to adopt the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-prepared Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Jordan Cove Energy and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Projects. The protest period is being extended to allow for a full 30 days from the date of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice, November 20, 2015. The BLM and U.S. Forest Service plan amendment protest period will now run until December 21, 2015.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's FEIS for the Jordan Cove Energy and Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Projects included the following plan amendments: Amendment of the BLM's Coos Bay District, Roseburg District, Medford District, and Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District Resource Management Plans and the Umpqua National Forest, Rogue River National Forest, and Winema National Forest Land Management Plans.

The U.S. Forest Service has chosen to adopt the BLM's administrative review procedures for this specific project. All protests previously filed will be accepted and there is no requirement to re-file protests with the BLM or U.S. Forest Service. The public may submit protest to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail:
BLM Director (210)
Attention: Protest Coordinator
P.O. Box 71383
Washington, D.C. 20024-1383

Overnight Delivery:
BLM Director (210)
Attention: Protest Coordinator
20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM
Washington, D.C. 20003

The proposed pipeline crosses approximately 40 miles of BLM-administered lands and approximately 31 miles of U.S. Forest Service-administered lands. Less than one mile of Bureau of Reclamation-administered lands are crossed by the proposed pipeline. The FEIS has analyzed potential impacts to listed species, vegetation, habitat, wetlands and waterbodies, and visual resources that could be affected by the pipeline project. The proposed Liquefied Natural Gas export facility portion of the project is located entirely on private lands and is not included in the BLM or U.S. Forest Service proposed actions.

Additional information about the project is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/pgcp.php>

