9 September 2013

Ms. Jill Rolfe
Coos County Planning Department
250 N. Baxter
Coquille, Oregon 97423

Re: Jordan Cove Pacific Connector Pipeline Public Notice for Comments

Dear Ms. Rolfe,

The Ancestral Territory of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians extends from the mouth of Tenmile Creek (Lane County) in the north, south to Fivemile Point halfway between the mouths of Whiskey Run Creek and Cut Creek (coinciding with the border between Sections 30 and 31, Township 27 South, Range 14 West, Coos County), thence east to the crest of the Coast Range (to Weatherly Creek on the Umpqua River.)

The proposed work for the Pacific Connector Pipeline has the potential to cause adverse effects to cultural resources within the Ancestral Territory of the Tribes. There is currently ongoing archaeological testing being conducted to determine the extent of these impacts and to determine areas where construction should be avoided. Archaeological sites are a record of the prehistoric past and they are an essential part of understanding the historic past. They are a non-renewable resource and they are being destroyed at an alarming rate. Recording archaeological sites helps to protect them from current and future construction projects.

The Tribes have requested an MOU with PCGP describing the process for general communication and coordination with the Confederated Tribes and for inventorying, monitoring, avoiding, and if mutually agreeable mitigating adverse effects to known and inadvertently discovered cultural resources, and until such MOU has been signed, the Confederated Tribes cannot concur that cultural resources will be adequately inventoried, monitored and protected as per the Coos County land development ordinance and other applicable state and federal laws.

Please also be aware that federal and state laws prohibit intentional excavation of known or suspected cultural resources without an archaeological permit. 43 CFR 10 applies on tribal and federal lands, federal projects, federal agencies, as well as to federal actions and federally funded (directly or indirectly) projects. ORS 97.745 prohibits the willful removal, mutilation, defacing, injury, or destruction of any cairn, burial, human remains, funerary objects, or objects of cultural patrimony of any native Indian. ORS 358.920 prohibits excavation injury, destruction, or alteration of an archaeological site or object or removal of an archaeological object from public or private lands.

Sincerely,

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Stacy Scott
Cultural Resources Protection Specialist

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Date: 9/9/13