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Dear Interested Party

On November 14, 2008 I signed a scoping letter informing you of a proposed amendment to the Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) in connection with the proposed Palomar Gas Transmission Pipeline (PGT) that is being evaluated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). In that letter I requested to receive your comments on the scope of the analysis related to the proposed amendments by January 5, 2009.

Since that time several parties including individuals, organizations, and agencies have requested an extension of the scoping comment period especially in light of the holiday season. In response to these requests, I am extending the comment period for an additional 30 days. Comments are now due on February 4, 2009. I would like to emphasize that the comments we are seeking at this point in the process are comments on the issues related to our Forest Plan that you feel should be addressed in the amendment process.

Although the comment period is being extended I would still like to encourage you to provide your comments earlier if possible. It is important for us to begin to identify the issues that will be addressed in the Forest Plan amendment without delaying the timelines of the FERC, the Lead Agency preparing the Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

Also I would like to assure you that this will not be your only opportunity to comment. Once issues have been identified through scoping, an analysis of a Forest Plan amendment will be prepared and included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by FERC. At that time there will be another comment period available to you.

Please submit written comments to: Mt. Hood National Forest, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy OR 97055. Electronic comments can be submitted to: comments-pacificnorthwest-mthood@fs.fed.us All those who comment will remain on our mailing list and receive any future updates on this proposed amendment. The original scoping letter for the proposed forest plan amendment is available on our website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood> in the projects and plans section. If you have any questions on the proposed Forest Plan amendment, please contact project coordinator Mike Redmond at (503) 668-1776 or mredmond@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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