



May 8, 2013

The Honorable Ron Wyden
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
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The Honorable Greg Walden
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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
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The Honorable Kurt Schrader
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Dear Oregon Congressional Delegation,

Menasha Forest Products Corporation strongly supports the Jordan Cove Energy Project. We hope that you will do everything you can to ensure that Jordan Cove receives the Department of Energy export license needed to operate export LNG out of Coos County.

Menasha Forest Products Corporation manages approximately 140,000 acres of forest in Oregon and Washington. As you are acutely aware, while forestry is one of the main economic drivers for this area, changes in Federal policy have significantly reduced timber profits; and the resulting loss of jobs and tax revenue has created an economic dead zone. Unfortunately, the benefits derived from locating in the North Spit Enterprise Zone have not been enough to overcome the lack of infrastructure there, and this has discouraged investment in the region. Also depressing investment in this region is a stable supply of low-cost energy.

The Jordan Cove Energy Project will increase our community's ability to attract businesses to this region. The Jordan Cove export facility will lead to a redevelopment and modernization of the Port of Coos Bay's infrastructure and will provide the cornerstone for new industrial economic development on the North Spit of Coos Bay. Furthermore, the additional "tonnage" that LNG exports will bring through the Port of Coos Bay means that the Port will be in a better position to compete for limited U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) funding for dredging and jetty maintenance. In fact, we understand that LNG will increase the Port's tonnage by approximately 6 million tons, nearly putting the Port into the "high use port" category (more than 10 million tons a year), which seems to come with a near guarantee of USACE funding. Not only will this help the Port attract new business, it will also allow for more effective and efficient use of the navigation channel by existing Port customers.

Along with the improvements to Port infrastructure, the project will bring a 420 MW power plant that has the capability and capacity to deliver power into the grid and the Pacific Connector Pipeline will significantly increase the availability of natural gas in Southwest Oregon. Both of the improvements will make investing in the area a much more attractive proposition.

Many of the people that live in Coos County remember a better time. Unfortunately, that time was over thirty years ago. Jordan Cove has the potential to bring those better times back – we hope that you will do everything you can to make this happen.

Sincerely,



Scott Starkey
Area Manager