

## Jef Gunn

I am from the region. My father and his family grew up on Mount Saint Helens near Spirit Lake, and later in Kelso and Longview. I was born in Seattle, and now live in Portland. I travel through Kalama frequently. We are blue collar working stock. My dad's dad was a welder. My maternal granddad was a miner in Northern Manitoba and British Columbia. I've been a carpenter all my life. I get it that the project would bring jobs to the area. I understand that important need.

However, there's more going on here in this project than jobs. There is also the need to protect home, to take care of home for our communities all across the geography of this proposed project. The conditions we enjoy on this planet—temperate atmosphere, oxygen, water, vegetation, animals—are not common. This planet is unique and rare! This Great Northwest region is uniquely special. Not just because it's home, but because it's beautiful and abundant. I am a carpenter, not a scientist, so I'm not going to pretend fluency with the technical data. I see as well as you do the staggering projected atmospheric and aquatic pollution that is bound to happen as a result of a project of this scale dealing with fracked gas and methanol. I say it's bound to happen because I'm a carpenter. Whatever is built will eventually fail. Period. These projects fail all the time. Catastrophically. And the SSEIS has already called out multiple issues that have not been adequately addressed.

It will not fail only in Kalama, but along the fracked gas pipeline, all the way back its source in Canada. I have a stake in this there, too as my mother's family are in BC and Alberta. And it will fail all along the shipping route to China and into cars there or plastics there. Even without failure, massive pollution will follow the trail. Enough is enough.

I know, and you know too, that fossil fuels have, in just two centuries, created wealth for some, ease of life for many through many important inventions, and at the same time destroyed life on this planet. Death and deadly weather are part of the legacy of fossil fuels. They simply go hand in hand. That's not going away unless we change course now. NOW.

The world has been hearing the warnings since the early 50s, for my whole lifespan. We have to learn. There are new technologies already in existence to lead us into a clean sustainable future. These new technologies also will create jobs. Let's put our efforts and money into these new sustainable technologies that will usher in a new era of clean prosperity for all. Lots of work making the way for a dependable future.

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