

Attachment 8. Language for Protest Decision regarding Full Force and Effect.

Having considered the issues in your protest of the *[insert project name]*, it is my decision to deny your protest. Therefore, I will proceed with implementation of the decision in accordance with 43 CFR §5003.3(f).

The *[insert project name]* intends to *[insert project objective]*. The project should be undertaken as early as conditions allow. *[Provide specific project rationale, e.g., the species, size and characteristics of the timber to be salvaged are such that a major loss to the volume and value of the timber and economic benefit of the sale will occur if salvage is not expeditiously conducted.]* Your protest has been reviewed in accordance with the regulations in 43 CFR § 5003.3(d) and (e). It is my determination that there is no merit to your protest. Given the circumstances of this case as described, in accordance with Oregon/Washington BLM State Director memorandum to the *[insert name]* District Manager, I will not delay award of this sale for a ruling by the Interior Board of Land Appeals on a stay request, as has been done in the past. Instead, in accordance with regulations set forth in 43 CFR § 5003.3 (f), I will give full force and effect to the *[insert project name]* decision and proceed with the immediate award of the *[insert project name]* contract following this decision to deny your protest.

If you wish to appeal my decision to deny your protest and to proceed, the following paragraph provides instructions for doing so. *Continue with "APPEAL PROCEDURES" language Attachment 7.*