

# Bureau of Land Management Director's Summary Protest Resolution Report

# Campbell Tract Off Highway Vehicle Designation Amendment Environmental Assessment and Proposed Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan Amendment

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

Term Definition

BLM Bureau of Land Management CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CT EA/PRMPA Campbell Tract Off Highway Vehicle Designation Amendment

Environmental Assessment and Proposed Ring of Fire Resource

Management Plan Amendment

### Introduction

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Anchorage Field Office released the *Campbell Tract Off Highway Vehicle Designation Amendment Environmental Assessment and Proposed Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan Amendment* (CT EA/PRMPA) for public protest on November 14, 2023. The BLM received two protest letters during the 30-day protest period.

The planning regulations at 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1610.5-2 outline the requirements for filing a valid protest. The BLM evaluated the protest letters to determine if the protest letters were complete and timely and if the people held standing to protest. One letter received did not meet these criteria as the protesting party did not provide their name or mailing address (43 CFR 1610.5-2(a)(1)(i)). Thus, this letter was not complete and standing could not be determined. Therefore, the protest letter was dismissed, as shown in the *Protesting Party Index*, below. The other letter received met these criteria and was not dismissed from consideration due to lack of standing. However, the letter did not contain any valid protest issues because the letter only included comments, opinions, or observations that were not substantiated with a concise statement of why the State Director's proposed decision is believed to be wrong; issues not previously raised in the planning process; or issues not germane to the planning process. Therefore, the protest letter was dismissed, as shown in the *Protesting Party Index*, below.

After careful review of the report by the BLM's Assistant Director for Resources and Planning, the Assistant Director concluded that the BLM Alaska State Director followed the applicable laws, regulations, and policies and considered all relevant resource information and public input. The Assistant Director addressed the protests and issued a Protest Resolution Report to the protesting party and posted the report on the BLM's website; no changes to the CT EA/PRMPA were necessary. The decision was sent to the protesting party who submitted a complete letter by certified mail, return receipt requested. Resolution of protests is delegated to the BLM Assistant Director for Resources and Planning whose decision on the protest is the final decision of the U.S. Department of the Interior (43 CFR 1610.5-2(b)) consistent with the *BLM Delegation of Authority Manual (MS-1203 Delegation of Authority)*.

### Protesting Party Index

Submission No.	Protester	Organization	Determination
PP-AK-CT-EA-23-01	Marc Grober	N/A	Dismissed – Comments Only
PP-AK-CT-EA-23-02	Not provided	N/A	Dismissed – Comments Only