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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the Moab Master Leasing Plan and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendments/Final Environmental Impact Statement (MLP/FEIS). The MLP/FEIS was prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in consultation with various government organizations, and taking into account public comments received during this planning effort. The MLP/FEIS would amend the Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for the Moab and Monticello Field Offices.

The MLP/FEIS has been developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The MLP/FEIS is largely based on the preferred alternative in the MLP and Draft RMP Amendments/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (MLP/DEIS), which was released on August 21, 2015. The MLP/FEIS contains the Proposed Plan, a summary of changes made between the MLP/DEIS and the MLP/FEIS, and responses to the comments.

Pursuant to BLM's planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.5-2, any person who participated in the planning process for this MLP/FEIS and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval of an amendment to a resource management plan may protest such approval or amendment. A 30-day protest period will begin with the publication of the Notice of Availability for the MLP/FEIS in the *Federal Register*. Any protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process.

Emailed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular mail or overnight delivery postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the emailed protests as an advance copy and will afford it full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct email protest to: blm_wo_protest@blm.gov

All protests, including the follow up letter (if emailing) must be in writing and mailed to the following addresses:

Regular Mail:

Director (210)
Attn: Protest Coordinator
P. O. Box 71383
Washington, D.C. 20024-1383

Overnight Mail:

Director (210)
Attn: Protest Coordinator
20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM
Washington, D.C. 20003

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, be advised that your entire protest – including your personal identifying information – may be made publically available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

All protests must be postmarked on or before 30 days from the opening of the protest period, not on a weekend. A 30 day protest period will begin with the publication of the Notice of Availability for the MLP/FEIS in the *Federal Register*. Protests must contain:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest;
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- A statement of the part or parts of the proposed plan being protested;
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party, or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and
- A concise statement explaining why the proposed plan is believed to be wrong.

The BLM Director will make every attempt to promptly render a decision on each protest. The decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the BLM Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

Upon resolution of all land use plan protests, the BLM will issue an Approved MLP/RMP Amendments and Record of Decision (ROD). The Approved MLP/RMP Amendments and ROD will be made available electronically at <http://www.blm.gov/21jd>

Sincerely,



Jenna Whitlock
Acting Utah State Director