

PROTEST PROCEDURES

The BLM Planning Regulations, 43 CFR 1610.5-2, state that any person who participated in the planning process, and has an interest that may be adversely affected, may protest. A protest may only raise those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. The protest must be filed within 30 days of the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of receipt of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), in the Federal Register.

E-mail protests will not be accepted. Faxed protests will be considered as potential valid protests provided (1) the signed faxed letter is received by the BLM Washington Office protest coordinator by the closing date of the protest period, and (2) the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period.

All protests must be sent in writing to:

Regular Mail

Director, Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protest Coordinator
P.O. Box 66538
Washington D.C. 20035

Fax Mail

Director, Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protest
Coordinator
Fax Number: 202-452-5112

Overnight Mail

Director, Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protest Coordinator
1620 L Street, N.W., Room 1075
Washington D.C. 20036
Telephone: 202-452-5045

Protests filed or postmarked after the closing date, or filed with the State Director or Field Manager, shall be rejected. There is no provision for any extension of time for the 30-day protest period provided in the planning regulations.

The resolution of protests is the responsibility of the Director of the BLM whose decision is the final decision of the Department of the Interior. The decision will be in writing and set forth the reasons for the decision. The decision will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested.

A protest must contain:

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
2. A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
3. A statement of the part or parts of the plan being protested.
4. A copy of all documents addressing the issue, or issues, which were submitted during the planning process by protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record.
5. A concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be wrong.

Written protests that are filed with the BLM Director may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or disclosure you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written protest. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials or organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.