



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

**Alternate Route for the  
Gateway South Transmission  
Line at the Colorado/Utah  
Border Proposed Resource  
Management Plan  
Amendment/Environmental  
Assessment (PRMPA/EA)**

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## *Acronyms and Abbreviations*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
EA	Environmental Assessment
Proposed RMPA	Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment

## ***Introduction***

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) White River Field Office released the Alternative Route for the Gateway South Transmission Line at the Colorado/Utah Border Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment (Proposed RMPA) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for public protest on April 4, 2022. The BLM received one protest letter 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 regulatory authority of the Director to resolve protests (43 CFR §§ 1610.5-2(a)(3); 1610.5-2(b)) has been delegated to, among other officials, the Assistant Director for Resources and Planning through BLM Manual MS-1203 Delegation of Authority, which is consistent with applicable case law and longstanding BLM practice.

The BLM evaluated the protest letter to determine if the protest was complete and timely, and if the person held standing to protest. Regulations concerning land use plan protests require the protest party to have “standing” which means that the protest party has participated in the process and previously raised an issue (43 CFR 1610.5-2(a)). The protester did not have standing to protest. The decision for each protest, regarding its validity and its approval or denial, is recorded in writing along with the reasons for the decision in the table below. Because protester did not have standing, the protest letter was dismissed, as shown in the *Protesting Party Index*, below.

Review of the report by the BLM’s Assistant Director for Resources and Planning concluded that the BLM Colorado State Director followed the applicable laws, regulations, and policies and considered all relevant resource information and public input. The Assistant Director addressed the protest and issued a Protest Resolution Report. The Protest Resolution Report is posted on the BLM Director’s Protest Resolution website; no changes to the Proposed RMPA were necessary. The decision was sent to the protest party 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***

<b>Protester</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Determination</b>
Matthew Short	Scout Energy	Dismissed – Standing