



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

**Proposed Florida Resource
Management Plan Amendment and
Final Environmental Assessment
for the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse
Outstanding Natural Area**

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

Term	Definition
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
JILONA RMPA/FEA	Florida Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Assessment for the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

Introduction

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southeastern States District Office released the *Proposed Florida Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Assessment for the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area* (JILONA Proposed RMPA/FEA) for public protest on April 24, 2023. 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 BLM evaluated the protest letter to determine if the protest letter was complete and timely and if the person held standing to protest. The 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 Eastern States 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 report is posted on the BLM’s website; no changes to the JILONA RMPA/EA were necessary. The decision was sent to the protesting 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

Submission No.	Protester	Organization	Determination
PP-FL-JI-EA-23-01	Richard Spotts	N/A	Dismissed – Comments Only