

**STATUS OF WEMO ROUTE NETWORK**  
**PROJECT FSEIS**

May 18, 2019  
Todd C. Tucci  
Advocates for the West, Inc.  
Boise-Portland-D.C.

# OVERVIEW

- The WMRNPSEIS describe and analyze alternatives for the planning and management of **a transportation and travel network** and **livestock grazing** on public lands and resources within the West Mojave Planning Area.
- Amending the 2006 West Mojave (WEMO) Plan to address specific issues raised in a federal court partial remand of the 2006 WEMO Plan.
- FEIS Published on April 26, 2019 – 84 Fed. Reg. 17886-889 (April 26, 2019).
- Protests due no later than May 27, 2019.

# PROTESTABLE POINTS

## Planning-Level Decisions:

- CDCA Plan language that limits routes of travel to existing routes as of 1980,
- Identify travel management areas,
- Change competitive event access,
- Modify off-highway vehicle use on four lakebeds,
- Eliminate the permit requirement for motorized access to the Rand Mountains-Fremont Valley Management Area,
- Change the stop, park and camp limits adjacent to designated routes, and
- Consider reallocating forage from livestock use to wildlife use and ecosystem function in desert tortoise critical habitat.

# NOT PROTESTABLE POINTS

## **Implementation-Level Decisions:**

- Route designation decisions – Appendix G
- Grazing decision – No change in existing grazing element from CDCA amended by the DRECP LUPA
  - Existing strategies for allowing the donation of grazing permits and leases back to BLM and making the land available for mitigation by reallocating the forage from livestock to wildlife use and ecosystem function continue
- Travel Management Plans

# CONTENTS OF A PROTEST

- Name, mailing address, telephone number, and statement of interest;
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- A statement of the part or parts of the plan or amendment being protested; and
- Concise statement explaining why the decision is wrong.

Questions?

**Todd Tucci**

ttucci@advocateswest.org

**Lizzy Potter**

lpotter@advocateswest.org