

Summary: Investigation of Allegations that a BLM State Director Pressured Employees to Grant a Land Right of Way as a Political Favor

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We received an anonymous complaint alleging that a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) State Director improperly assigned BLM resources to process a right-of-way application and pressured BLM employees to grant the right of way as a political favor for the State's governor.

During our investigation, we interviewed personnel identified in the complaint, witnesses, and subject matter experts from the U.S. Department of the Interior and BLM. We also reviewed relevant documents and emails, and we found no evidence to support the complainant's allegations.

We provided this report to the BLM Director for information only and did not require a response.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued internally to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This summary was posted to the web on February 11, 2016.

