

**From:** Stevenson, Jennifer  
**To:** [Bowman, Randal](#); [Cash, Marcia](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Comment via US Mail Inquiry  
**Date:** Friday, May 26, 2017 8:54:27 AM

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Hi Randy and Marcia,

I spoke to Fran at the Help Desk. He was the one that spoke to Michael Sullivan. I let him know that it's the postmarked date, not the date that DOI receives the mail.

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 8:18 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

OK - I sent a note to Marcia that you would call the helpdesk

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 8:13 AM, Stevenson, Jennifer <[jennifer\\_stevenson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jennifer_stevenson@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Randy.

I called the HelpDesk to inform them but they do not open until 9:00. I'll try again after 9:00.

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 8:08 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I will send him a response and ask Marcia to advise the help desk

On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 8:04 AM, Stevenson, Jennifer <[jennifer\\_stevenson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jennifer_stevenson@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Randal,

FYI, This was forwarded to me by Megan in Executive Secretariat. Do you want to respond with the email address listed in the Federal Register notice? It's usually the postmarked date, not the date we receive the mail in comment.

I am teleworking today. Please contact me if you need anything. My cell phone number is 540-424-3755.

Thanks!  
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From: **Apgar, Megan** <[megan\\_apgar@ios.doi.gov](mailto:megan_apgar@ios.doi.gov)>  
Date: Thu, May 25, 2017 at 3:55 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Comment via US Mail Inquiry  
To: Jennifer Stevenson <[jennifer\\_stevenson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jennifer_stevenson@ios.doi.gov)>

FYI.

Thanks,  
Megan Apgar  
Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs  
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Department of the Interior  
Voice: (202) 208-4582

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From: **Lewis, Francis [USA]** <[Lewis\\_Francis@bah.com](mailto:Lewis_Francis@bah.com)>  
Date: Thu, May 25, 2017 at 3:52 PM  
Subject: Comment via US Mail Inquiry  
To: "[megan\\_apgar@ios.doi.gov](mailto:megan_apgar@ios.doi.gov)" <[megan\\_apgar@ios.doi.gov](mailto:megan_apgar@ios.doi.gov)>

Cc: "Madden, Patrick [USA]" <[Madden\\_Patrick@bah.com](mailto:Madden_Patrick@bah.com)>

Hi Megan,

The Regulations.gov Help Desk received the following ticket from an individual submitting a comment on Bears Ears National Monument (DOI-2017-0002-0001) via US mail:

25 May 2017

Regarding: Public comments on the Presidential Order of for review of certain National Monuments (comments due by 26 May 2017 for Bears Ears National Monument).)

I have called the help-line at 1-877-378-5457 to try to find out the deadline for comments sent by U.S. postal mail. The person there could not provide the answer to this question. Are mailed comments (via U.S. postal system) considered to have arrived on time by

(a) date of receipt or

(b) date of postmark?

Why is this not explained in the notice in the Federal Register? That is REALLY LOUSY public relations.

Please answer this ASAP.

Michael Sullivan (This message sent at about 11:32 am Pacific Daylight Time on 25 May 2017)

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We were unable to provide the user an answer to the inquiry regarding the date of

comments sent via US mail. Please let us know your thoughts on how we should respond to this user.

Thanks!

Fran