

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
**To:** [West, Angela](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Training for Monument Review comment analysis  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:08:28 PM

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I don't think that will be a problem, but will let you know if we need a replacement.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 5:01 PM, West, Angela <[awest@blm.gov](mailto:awest@blm.gov)> wrote:

Thank you Randal....

I need to let you know that I won't be back from travel until after 6/10, and won't be able to engage before that. This was a long-time commitment not subject to change.

I hope that doesn't present too much of an inconvenience.

My Best;

Angela  
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On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 2:54 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Depending on a count overnight, we likely will ask everyone to spend at least a half-day on the Bears Ears comments between now and next Wednesday the 7th; I have already classified many of these. Then we are asking for 1 day per week from each team member - more productively done as 2 half-days, I'm told - through June and July until the comments are reviewed and classified on the larger group of monuments. We will not ask anyone for more time than the day per week; if that is not enough, we will get more people.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 4:10 PM, West, Angela <[awest@blm.gov](mailto:awest@blm.gov)> wrote:  
Randal....

What is the time-frame expectation for getting started and getting done?

My Best;  
Angela

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 1:16 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I have not heard from those of you receiving this message as to whether you are able to attend training for this tomorrow at 10 am or not. Please let me know ASAP. The original request from Friday was:

I've gotten your names from your bureaus as volunteers to help screen public comments on the National Monument Review - welcome aboard!.

Unfortunate glitches in the contracting process prevented us from getting started until late today (Friday). We are using a system called DiscoverText, which FWS has used for 7 years, to help analyze the comments and limit the number of comments anyone needs to directly review. I would like to schedule a one-hour webinar-type training session, which you can take from your desk or if you are teleworking, as long as you are using a government computer, on Wednesday May 31 at 10 am. For those who are on leave Wednesday, the training will be recorded and can be accessed when you return.

I will be working on the comments over the weekend, and hopefully my experience will give insights on applying the system to these particular types of comments that will save everyone else time and effort.

If you are not on leave Tuesday, please let know your availability for the training on Wednesday morning. You should also receive from our contractor information on how to sign in to the system, for which you will receive your own initial code.

The request was for each team member to be available for one day per week, and I am advised that reviewers are generally more productive doing 2 half-day sessions rather than one all-day effort, so please plan accordingly.

Again, thank you for helping on this project.