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Hi Rachel and Sally,

I've taken a second look at the visitation data we received for the data call for the various BLM-managed monuments and compared it to this updated spreadsheet that was sent today. There are a number of monuments where the visitation data provided in the data call responses/documentation don't match the visitation data in the spreadsheet. Some difference are small but some are really large. Craters of the Moon FY16 visitation is 3,654 in the spreadsheet and 255,436 in the data call response (I know this one is no longer "under review" but I still want to make sure the information we have prepared for it is accurate). Sand to Snow has visitation levels of zero for all three years in the spreadsheet but the data call response provided visitation estimates for FY13-16. In the cases where there are differences, do you know why these discrepancies exist and which source should be viewed as the "definitive" source? I'm happy to have another phone call tomorrow or next week if that would be easier.

Thanks again for all of your help!
Ann

On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 2:56 PM, Wootton, Rachel <rwootton@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Ann,

No problem at all. I just found that document and will update it! I'll send it to you as soon as possible this afternoon!

Best,

Rachel

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On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 2:46 PM, Miller, Ann <ann_miller@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks Rachel, and also thanks for taking the time to explain the issue to me today. The Excel file we initially received was the one titled "Official Workbook Economic Contributions of National Monuments and NCAs.xlsx". Do you have a version of this with the updated visitation data? If so, it would be extremely helpful to have that.
Thanks!

Ann

On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 2:05 PM, Wootton, Rachel <rwootton@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Anne,
Thank you for your email and chatting with us over the phone. As discussed, I've included the updated spreadsheet. This information was used to create the updated economic snapshots on the drive. FY16 visitation information has not changed. Feel free to let us know if you all need additional information or would like it in a different format. I am not sure what spreadsheet you all received initially, but we could certainly put it in that format if need.

Please let us know if you have any questions and thanks again!

Best,

Rachel

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On Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 1:15 PM, Miller, Ann <ann_miller@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Sally,
I understand that the economic snapshots in the google drive for the BLM monuments under review were updated with revisions to the FY14 and FY15 visitor data. I believe we have the underlying source data for the visitation levels (this analysis of the economic contributions of National Monuments and NCAs had been shared with us separately) and in comparing it to the updated snapshots, I found a handful of monuments where the data presented in the snapshots do not match the underlying data. I confirmed that it is unlikely the that underlying source data has changed since it was shared with us so I think it may be

worth checking that the data in the economic snapshots is correct. The issue I found is consistent across a handful of monuments, and it is that the FY15 visitation numbers are being presented in the FY14 box of the snapshot and the numbers being presented in the FY15 box of the snapshot are another number (I can't match it up with anything in the source data we were given). The snapshots that I found this issue with are:

- Canyons of the Ancients
- Carrizo Plain
- Craters of the Moon
- Upper Missouri River Breaks
- Cascade-Siskiyou
- Grand Staircase-Escalante

Thanks

Ann

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