

From: Stu Shulman
To: [Bowman, Randal](#)
Cc: [Marcia Cash](#)
Subject: Re: Next round of comments available for coding
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:49:51 PM

We will generate a spreadsheet when the coding of PDFs is complete.

On Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 4:07 PM Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Here are some of the attachments with numbers from one of our coders, in case your folks haven't gotten to them yet.

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From: **Osorto, Cindy** <cosorto@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 4:01 PM
Subject: Re: Next round of comments available for coding
To: "Bowman, Randal" <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Randy,

Below are the comments with multiple comments attached:

Dataset: Bears Ears Singles v3

document id: DOI-2017-0002-58788

Contains 20 postcards

document id: DOI-2017-0002-81881

20 postcards

document id: DOI-2017-0002-83997

21 postcards

document id: DOI-2017-0002-97547

4155 signatures from Environment America

document id: DOI-2017-0002-93267

20 postcards

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 5:05 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

The last round of comments from [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) is still tied up with system mistakes. However, there is some coding to do from the first two rounds.

You may recall that I thought I had captured large numbers of similar comments in the first two rounds of coding by using search terms, thus greatly reducing the number that needed to be coded individually. However, there was a glitch in the system that was not apparent until later. As most of you know, searching for exact terms on computers are generally done by enclosing the term in quotation marks, which is what I had done. In this case, unfortunately, the quotation marks on my - and likely your - keyboard are what in computer terms are called "curley" quotation marks, while DiscoverText was programmed to only accept "straight" quotation marks.

That there was a problem in searching by terms became apparent to me in the 3rd set of comments, where a search turned up mostly comments that did not contain the full term I was searching for. I reported this and their engineer eventually figured out the problem and reprogrammed the system to accept the "curley" quotation marks.

However, to ensure the integrity of the counting and coding, I want back and deleted the buckets, datasets and coding that I had created on the first two sets of comments, as I could not be sure they were accurate. I have now gone back through the original "Bears Ears" comments, and re-coded all that could be done with the original and some new search terms. I also revised the the coding to reflect our current coding practices, and believe I have moved all of the comments with attachments and post cards to the side, where they will be counted later. If you do encounter either, please mark them as "uncodable".

The dataset is ready for coding. Just log on as usual, accept the request and start. Thanks to all of you for your efforts to date, and we are on the home stretch for this effort.

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