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I just went in and coded 10 or so - most that came up were the pdfs, but it didn't seem to take that long. On my computer, at least, when I clicked on the "DOI xxx" number to the right of the pdf symbol in blue on the left side above the comment, I immediately got a set of buttons at the bottom of the screen asking if I wanted to open or save the file. It appeared immediately after clicking "open", then I skimmed the written part to see what their opinion was, closed the adobe file, and coded the comment. It seems to take about 3-4 times as long as coding an on-screen comment. However, I think I would have gotten a stiff neck if I kept at it for any length of time.

As I noted before, there are a limited number of postcards in the system, and there won't be any more after those are coded. We are over half-way done as of a few minutes ago. I'll send a note to the full team on this Monday once we figure out something for the handwritten ones.

On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 5:12 PM, Shields, Claire <[claire\\_shields@nps.gov](mailto:claire_shields@nps.gov)> wrote:

OK - understood. Hopefully, I will arrive at the end of the handwritten letters fairly soon!!  
Regards  
Claire

On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 5:06 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

unfortunately there is no option for this round of comments, as they are already in the system. These are mostly items received here by mail, scanned and uploaded into Regs.gov. The problem didn't really present itself in the first round of reviews, and when I saw the postcard issue while looking at the files for this round, I told the team doing that to stop uploading postcards; it is simpler and faster to sort them by hand and measure the thickness of the cards at the end, with 1" = x number of postcards. So there likely won't be a postcard issue in future rounds of coding.

We may want to start doing hand-counting of handwritten letters as well, although they are still working with the contractor on whether there is a faster way to call up the pdf files or otherwise handle the issue. However, there is no choice but to slog through them for now.

On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 4:53 PM, Shields, Claire <[claire\\_shields@nps.gov](mailto:claire_shields@nps.gov)> wrote:

Randy,  
Thank you - it is very slow going. All the records that are coming up to be coded at present are handwritten letters or postcards so it takes a while to download the pdf, open the file and review the content. Should I continue? I am just wondering if there is some way to record the name of monument(s) they are referencing, rather than someone have to repeat this process?

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On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 4:49 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for both of your observations. We are working on the second item, and I will add the 6562 comments against changes to Bears Ears to the totals.

On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 4:45 PM, Shields, Claire <[claire\\_shields@nps.gov](mailto:claire_shields@nps.gov)> wrote:

Randy,

A couple of initial observations. I just coded a record that has 6,562 letters against the review of Bears Ears (metadata information is below). So these will need to be added to your tally of attachments.

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Additionally, a lot of the initial records I have been coding are pdf attachments. To access the information, I have had to download and read the scanned letter. I am assuming that due to the fact that they are handwritten, the text has not scanned into the system. Many of these letter reference different monuments - I just wanted to flag this as there will be a duplication of effort involved at the next stage when someone will have to once again download all the pdf files to find out which monuments they are commenting on.

Regards

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On Fri, Jun 16, 2017 at 10:31 AM, Bowman, Randal  
<[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

The system is ready for everyone to begin coding.

A couple of things to keep in mind - 1, while I have removed the overwhelming majority of the nearly-identical letters by the group coding approach I used for the last round, you will still see some nearly identical letters. That is because many of the comments are variations on a common theme. It does not mean you are coding the same comment twice. The system will automatically deliver to you the next available uncoded item, and when all items are coded, it will say something like no more items to code.

You will not get an item already coded.

To start, log on, hit :coding", "code a dataset", and the first comment should appear.

Good luck, and contact me with anything unusual, if possible copying the heading or unusual item and pasting it into an email.

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2017-0002-77369-A7.docx

The attached Microsoft Word documents contains 6,562 letters from individuals addressed to you asking that "you leave the Bears Ears National Monument boundary alone," and recommend "No Action" to President Trump regarding the Executive Order Review. This batch is from the Navajo Mountain Tribal Community (Summarize the source of the comments here if helpful AND known).