

From: Bowman, Randal
To: [Cash, Marcia](#)
Subject: Re: Number of comments disparity - Regs.gov lower than Bears Ears DiscoverText
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 1:40:32 PM
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What I need is to be able to report how many comments we received for and against. Perhaps in light of Stu's replies, the best we can do is subtract the number of comments that seem to have been in the identical groups - 59000 less the 34000 individual comments, and hope the % shown in the report on that dataset represent individual comments and not the % of form letters, then use "approximately".

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:58 PM, Cash, Marcia <marcia_cash@fws.gov> wrote:

I think you two are talking about the same thing, but using different words.

This happens a lot when programmers and analysts talk.

Remember when I said in the beginning "think of what you want out of the data".

If you can provide me a list of what you want to know, and what level of proof you need, I can translate that to Stu.

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On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:42 PM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

You are describing a feature that does not exist. You did not code all of the documents. You coded 1 document from 422 duplicate groups then you mass coded a variety of singles and modified form letters, then you coded the 5000+ remaining singles.

Those were all different datasets. There is nothing that maps the 422 coding choices back to the duplicate groups that range from 15000+ to 2 in size. Most groups were small.

If you want to do the work, you can map the groups to coding choices. Nobody has ever done that in the last 7 years.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

But where do I find that? The attachments mean nothing to me - I just need to be able to report how many comments we received for and against.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:19 PM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

You have to match the coding report up with the actual duplicate groups. I'm not clear why you would do that for all 422 groups, which includes many groups of 2.

Probably the Secretary needs to hear about the top 10-20 groups, at most.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:07 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I need to know how many individual comments those groups represent, so we can report how many comments we received for and against the review/changes to Bears Ears - i.e. how many comments do the 367 groups against the review consist of?.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 1:01 PM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

All coding is at the unit level. This is result of your coding the 422 seeds of duplicate groups.

| Code | Count | Pct. |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| No New Information | 412 | 49.82 % |
| Opposing Review | 367 | 44.38 % |
| Supporting Review | 46 | 5.56 % |
| New Information | 2 | 0.24 % |

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 12:10 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

However, the reporting is by units, not clear if that means number of comments within each unit or just number of units.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 12:06 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Ignore this - I see that after all (4%)

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 12:04 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Also, some of the exact duplicates are coded as supporting the review, but I do not know how to find those numbers. the summary for the 422 groups does not show "supporting the review", but I have just looked at the coding for some groups and confirmed there are form letters supporting the review, along with the vast majority that does not.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:41 AM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

Sorry no; you are misreading the data representation.

422 total groups and 33803 single items which gives you 34225 items to be reviewed after deduplication.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:38 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Another apparent problem - 34,825 exact duplicate comments and 33, 803 single comments is far more than the 59,559 comments we register overall

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:32 AM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

These are the counts of exact duplicates in a group. You originally coded 422 Bears Ears groups. These are the numbers.

Inline image 1

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:29 AM, Bowman, Randal
<randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:


just want to be absolutely clear - "deduplicated" is the number of individual comments in the exact duplicate files?

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:23 AM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

For Bears Ears:

<http://doi.discovertext.com/Project/ArchiveDetails/000000040000002B00000000000000000000000000000000>

Inline image 1



On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 11:20 AM, Bowman, Randal
<randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

How do we get the numbers of individual comments in the exact duplicate seed units?

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:53 AM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

I assume the totals are 100% opposed and no new information for all the datasets you bulk coded. If that is the case, you just need to add up the totals of the datasets you coded off the list view.

If that is not the case, you need to go into the Dataset Details and

select Coding Report and then expand the results to get what I copied on the 5000 item set.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:49 AM, Bowman, Randal
<randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks, but I need the totals for all of the Bears Ears comments - how many were opposed and how many supported. And you should have access to the account.

Stu, can you tell me how I find this myself - I must be overlooking something.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:46 AM, Cash, Marcia
<marcia_cash@fws.gov> wrote:

Got this from Stu:

Those numbers were for Dataset Name: uncoded singles 5462

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From: **Shulman, Stu** <stu@texifter.com>
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| Code | Count | Pct. |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| No New Information | 5390 | 49.60 % |
| Opposes Review | 4523 | 41.63 % |
| Supports Review | 892 | 8.21 % |
| Uncodable | 48 | 0.44 % |
| New Information | 13 | 0.12 % |

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:26 AM, Cash, Marcia
<marcia_cash@fws.gov> wrote:

Randy just asked me this:

How do I show the totals for Bears Ears coded comments - for and against the review? Last week I kept seeing circular bar codes with partial numbers, but now can't find or generate them.

Since I don't have access to their account, I can't help.

Can you give me some instructions to help him find this?

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On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:22 AM, Shulman, Stu

<stu@texifter.com> wrote:

yes

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:08 AM, Cash, Marcia

<marcia_cash@fws.gov> wrote:

Stu - can you please filter those comments for Randy. I think it would give him peace of mind.

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On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:03 AM, Stu Shulman

<stu@texifter.com> wrote:

We can do that anytime using filters Randy. Creating a new bucket of uncoded items is something you already know how to do.

You can separate sets of comments 100 different ways. The key is to use advanced filters to get the set you want.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 3:57 PM Bowman, Randal

<randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Much of this probably comes from my unfamiliarity with the system. but what I would like - and what I presumed would have happened already - is for the coded Bears Ears comments to be segregated in some fashion from all of the other current and future comments, so neither I nor anyone else at DOI can inadvertently search or sort any of them into any of

the future work on the other monuments.

If that needs to wait until after we run the Secretary's new project, that's fine. The new search is a one-time effort, to find which of the monuments under review have the fewest or no comments to date. After that, there will be a pause for several days while we finalize the Bears Ears recommendations, consider lessons learned etc etc., during which time the coded Bears Ears comments could be set aside as per above.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:31 AM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

Randy,

I'm not sure what you mean by "general" pile. We have the ability to deduplicate and filter out coded items across all piles. We create a Bear's Ears project and I assumed we would have a new project for all the rest.

However, given the timeline you indicated, the shortest possible time length to get fully updated is to keep loading documents into the original project and then use the deduplication, search, and filtering features to update the Secretary.

Stu

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:21 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

That should then be 176-177,000 not 172. However, putting that aside, why are the Bears Ears comments still in the general pile? We don't want to count them twice, as many mention more than just Bears Ears.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:08 AM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

Randy,

The 59,559 Bears Ears are pulled out of the 117,000. That means 59,559 documents are in the project twice.

Stu

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:01 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

While 117,000 and 18,000 = 135,000, the

number in regs.gov, I don't see where 172,000 comes from - that is 37,000 comments above what it should be as far as I can tell

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 8:58 AM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:

Those numbers make sense Randall. I think you have to think through the steps that got us to this point. When we loaded the comments last time, there were 117,000 and since then another 18,000 have come in.

59000 of the 117,000 had the phrase Bears Ears after deduplication.

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 8:54 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

The Bears Ears folder shows 172,+++ files, but there are only 135,+++ comments displayed on the docket at [regs.gov](http://www.reggs.gov). My initial thought was that Bears Ears coded comments were being duplicated, but the different is 37,000+, which does not match any the Bears Ears coded numbers.

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