

From: Cash, Marcia
To: [Bowman, Randal](#)
Subject: Re: My mistake on date - should be July 13 for removal
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 10:59:55 AM

Yes, continue uploading.

I'm going to call him now. The OCRing is a double edged sword. We want the legit attachments OCRd, but not the postcards.

I'll get back to you after I talk with him.

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On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 11:43 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

So I should tell him to continue loading the extract? There is a metadata search field for attachments, so we can sort them out once they are loaded.

Another question - does he need to do the OCR for them? That seems to be his major complaint.

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 11:39 AM, Cash, Marcia <marcia_cash@fws.gov> wrote:

No, I still want to find a way of using DiscoverText for that.

He said there's a way to identify all those with attachments. I'm going to practice with that method and see if it works better.

Using the FDMS files is tedious because there are over 100 zip files that would have to be opened individually. Stu's already done that.

I should have more intel about this later this afternoon.

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On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 11:30 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

wrote:

You lost me. What I am looking for now is what we tell Stu - should he drop all [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) comments with attachments since we can access them from FDMS into a spreadsheet, or should he still try to get them into Discovertext?

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 11:24 AM, Cash, Marcia <marcia_cash@fws.gov> wrote:

For mailed-in postcards, you should scan one postcard as representative of the others and upload that one file. In the metadata, change the number of commenters from one to however many there are.

In the title of the comment, explain more about the organization and the count of how many postcards in total.

If a comment is submitted online with postcard attachments, there's nothing we can do about it.

I'm still working on a better way to review comments in DiscoverText. Have a project this morning, but will work on it more this afternoon.

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On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 11:19 AM, Bowman, Randal

<randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

How would we best do this - not upload any comments with an attachment, and then get a team with spreadsheet expertise to address the attachments from FDMS as you have done?

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Cash, Marcia <marcia_cash@fws.gov> wrote:

I did it from FDMS.

The commenters usually state how many post cards are attached.

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On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 11:01 AM, Bowman, Randal
<randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

We need to do our best to determine how many post cards there are and what they say. When submitted by groups they usually say how many cards they are attaching and what viewpoint they express..

Marcia, did you do your spreadsheet from FDMS or DiscoverText? I think that will be the key on how we proceed.

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 10:26 AM, Shulman, Stu <stu@texifter.com> wrote:
OK.

We are learning the issues are related to massive PDFs of scanned postcards. I'm unclear if there is any value to having those in DiscoverText. It definitely slows down the process because we try to OCR all of them, which is a huge waste of computational power.

Do you really need postcards in electronic format on two different information systems (FDMS & DiscoverText)?

Stu

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 9:59 AM, Bowman, Randal
<randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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