

From: Ester McCullough
To: [Bowman, Randal](#)
Subject: Re: Next round of comments available for coding
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:14:35 PM

I lost all my bookmarks with my profile move, can you send me the link to discover text?

Thanks and sorry to be such a pain.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 4:44 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delayed response, but I was in a meeting until well after 6 and then had computer problems. I think you have perhaps been away long enough to have forgotten the initial process - we go to DiscoverText, not [regs.gov](#). You should have set up a user name and password with them for your initial coding. If you have that, go to the site and enter the information, then accept the coding request from me, hit "code" a dataset" and begin.

I have a [REDACTED], but should be here by 11 or 11:30, so if you can't find your information let me know and I'll get the process restarted for you.

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 5:11 PM, McCullough, Ester <emccullo@blm.gov> wrote:

Randal:

I recently got back to UT from my detail in WO. Is there a possibility that with my profile change back to UT I am no longer able to reach [regs.gov](#)? I have clicked on the link and it isn't working for me. Perhaps it is down, or no access because the coding is done. i did access last week, but my profile was still showing WO then.

Thanks...

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 3:05 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

The last round of comments from [regs.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 went 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 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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