

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
**To:** [McCullough, Ester](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Next round of comments available for coding  
**Date:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:04:15 PM

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Great, thank you

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 6:50 PM, McCullough, Ester <[emccullo@blm.gov](mailto:emccullo@blm.gov)> wrote:  
I did Randy and I have been coding today in between meetings. :l-)

Thanks!

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 4:14 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Did you get what you needed to access the site?

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 5:11 PM, McCullough, Ester <[emccullo@blm.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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 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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