

From: Bowman, Randal
To: [Osorto, Cindy](#)
Subject: Re: Progress on Bears Ears comments
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:04:46 AM

Thank you - I will go over those items you flagged and let you know what I come up with

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 10:54 AM, Osorto, Cindy <cosorto@blm.gov> wrote:

No problem. I annotated the comments that had this problem with the message "multiple comments." Also wanted to let you know that the 5462 units have just finished coding.

Below are the units with comments:

133- multiple comments

169- multiple comments

180-neutral

212 – strange, uncodable

268 – multiple comments

329- multiple comments

370- may need review, urges for attached petitions to also be counted

381- multiple comments

Best,
Cindy

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 9:21 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'll have to rely on Stu or Marcia for that, as my first experience with the system was last Friday, but in meantime either pass on those and go to the next one or count the subcomments as I suggested in the earlier email.

Cindy, if you will pass on 133, I'll log on later this morning and take a look at it; am in the middle of something else right now.

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 9:17 AM, Osorto, Cindy <cosorto@blm.gov> wrote:

I just came across the same issue (comment 133). Perhaps it would be possible to break up the comment into smaller comments?

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 9:03 AM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I have not encountered this before. It seems to me that the most practical approach would be to go through the "mega-comment", code the initial comment normally, count those individual additional comments that you can read - via marks on a sheet of scrap paper or otherwise as you prefer - as for or against the review/changes to Bears Ears, and when you are done for the day, send me an email with your count. This will certainly slow you down, but hopefully there are not many of these.

There are also 7-8,000 written comments, mostly postcards and group letters, that came in on time but Exec Sec delivered too late to be uploaded to [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), and we will hand-sort and count those also. I will add the totals from the "mega-comments" to the numbers from that mail count, and then add both to the [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) count for our final numbers. For those comments that are unreadable, there is nothing we can do - no different than if it were a letter lost in the mail before it was delivered, or a person inadvertently closing their comment prematurely on [regs.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

I am copying Dr. Shulman and Marcia Cash, our 2 experts, in case there is an easier way to do this. If anything occurs to any of you, please let me know.

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 8:36 AM, Leary, Pete <pete_leary@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Randy,

What do we do with the comments that are treated as a single comment, but are actually uploads of 10 to 20 other comments? I'm assuming with just the number I have seen so far this will add up to hundreds of comments if not more. Some are uncodable, because the comments are not visible at all, some are part gibberish, but can still be seen as supporting or not supporting the review. If we just put them as uncodable, will those get reviewed and be able to be counted later. Otherwise those hundreds of comments will only be counted as a few.

Thanks,
Pete

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On Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 5:15 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Congratulations to Katherine Harrigan, who has reviewed and coded 1,001 comments.

Overall, we have disposed of about 40% of the remaining comments. If those who have not yet worked on these, or have done only a handful, will spend time at it in the next few days we should be able to finish by Wednesday if not sooner.

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