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**Subject:** Re: Progress on Bears Ears comments  
**Date:** Friday, June 02, 2017 8:03:40 AM

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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](#), 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](#) 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.

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](mailto: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 giberish, 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](mailto: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.