

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
**To:** [Schmidt, Clayton](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Training for Monument Review comment analysis  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:18:51 PM

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thank you!

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:17 PM, Schmidt, Clayton <[cfschmidt@blm.gov](mailto:cfschmidt@blm.gov)> wrote:

Clayton Schmidt  
Attending: Yes

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 3:16 PM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

I have not heard from those of you receiving this message as to whether you are able to attend training for this tomorrow at 10 am or not. Please let me know ASAP. The original request from Friday was:

I've gotten your names from your bureaus as volunteers to help screen public comments on the National Monument Review - welcome aboard!.

Unfortunate glitches in the contracting process prevented us from getting started until late today (Friday). We are using a system called DiscoverText, which FWS has used for 7 years, to help analyze the comments and limit the number of comments anyone needs to directly review. I would like to schedule a one-hour webinar-type training session, which you can take from your desk or if you are teleworking, as long as you are using a government computer, on Wednesday May 31 at 10 am. For those who are on leave Wednesday, the training will be recorded and can be accessed when you return.

I will be working on the comments over the weekend, and hopefully my experience will give insights on applying the system to these particular types of comments that will save everyone else time and effort.

If you are not on leave Tuesday, please let know your availability for the training on Wednesday morning. You should also receive from our contractor information on how to sign in to the system, for which you will receive your own initial code.

The request was for each team member to be available for one day per week, and I am advised that reviewers are generally more productive doing 2 half-day sessions rather than one all-day effort, so please plan accordingly.

Again, thank you for helping on this project.

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