From: Bagbonon, Michel
To: Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer
Cc: Alexandra Kasdin; Shoemaker, Justin; Sarah Backsen
Subject: Re: Proposal to de-list the GYE Grizzly Bear
Date: Thursday, June 02, 2016 11:09:34 AM
Attachments: 2016-0042GrizzlyBearsLatestCapture.PNG

Hi Jennifer et al.

Again the "FDMS system' is designed to be used by the federal agencies and we have constantly been adding new features and upgrading the system to respond to the needs of the end-users.

As you could see these numbers are transcribed by hand and we do have multiple dockets running at the same time. It is already demanding and adding these number on the hard copies would take considerable amount of time. Beside these "Document id" are generated only after the comments are posted. The tracking number are generated during the process. Note that we use the red stamp so that these comments are not sent back to us for processing again.

Anyhow, please take a quick look at the attached 'snipped' file and note that the 4 digits on the right hand side are the one generated after posting. This file also has the latest comments posted. Since you should already have the hard copies see if that provide you with information you were searching.

All of these comments are on regulations.gov and the 'FWS-R6-ES-2016-00342" with the last 4 digits leads to specific comment.

The 'Bulk Extract' would combine all the comments in the system now.

Let's me know

Michel

On Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 11:18 AM, Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer <jennifer.fortin-noreus@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

> Hi Michel,
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> I think that maybe I wasn't clear on what I was asking. We don't want a new number assigned to the mail but the ID that is listed in regulations.gov (FWS-R6-ES-2016-0042-5657) to be included on the paper comments that are forwarded to this office.
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> Although the public comment period is currently closed it is anticipated that we will reopen the public comment period and at that time any comments that have been received during the interim period will be accepted. Any comments that were received late by your office will be

processed as part of the second bulk batch.

Thank you,

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From: Bagbonon, Michel [mailto:michel_bagbonon@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 5:14 PM
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Subject: Re: Proposal to de-list the GYE Grizzly Bear

Hello Jennifer

I can fully understand your need.

Here are some facts about the front system we called FDMS/Federal Docket Management System. There are multiple federal agencies that use it and the tracking # (i.e 1k0-8pkm-m882) as well what we call 'Document id' are generated randomly.

Keeping a sequential order could not be done as the system is designed. The tracking number is the one that any submitter is ***instructed*** to write down for future reference. It is almost like an ID/SSN! Anyone who enters that tracking into regulations.gov would arrive at his/her comment as submitted.

Here is a scenario: Batch of mailed in comments are processed as they arrived (We have multiple dockets running at the same time). The first batch of the day for a given docket would get sequential numbers. If for the same day we receive later another batch; this new set would receive a new group of sequential numbers and it goes until the docket is closed.

Simple response is that it not possible to generate the sequential number as you suggested. To facilitate the discernment we put the arrival stamp date and additionally with a 'red stamp' alert the 'Point Of Contact/POC' that the very comment has been processed; this to avoid it been sent back to us rather to keep for "Administrative Records Files". Same goes for all material i.e USB; CD; DVD; Maps; etc.

The volume, the pace and in particular the way the system is designed would not facilitate that. A print out from 'regulations.gov' might be another way to show submitter where their comments are and in fact using their individual tracking number to access it at any given time.

For this very docket, I hope there would not be future comments! We did receive some late and quite late comments that have been processed and are on regulations.gov. (These last series are not part of the 'Bulk Extract' I sent Alexandra Kasdin and you must have received the hard copies sent the POC.

I trust the above is of help.

Michel

On Wed, Jun 1, 2016 at 3:43 PM, Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer <jennifer.fortin-noreus@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

Hi Michel,

I have a question about the numbers assigned to the public comments with regards to permanent file storage. We need to index the public comments and put them into binders to be available for public inspection and permanent storage. The hard copies that we have received are stamped with a random tracking number, such as 1k0-8pkm-m882. However, it would be much easier to file these by a sequential number, such as the ID assigned by regulations.gov, such as FWS-R6-ES-2016-0042-5657. Would it be possible to include this number on all future comments that are forwarded to us?

Thank you!

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