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Subject: Re: Vogelsong study peer review

Hi Jim,

Some of the folks from the ORV groups have asked that we get the data and have an expert see if it was analyzed correctly. Is the appropriate response to this request that this step would not be warranted unless the peer review suggests anomalies that could be due to problems with the data analysis, and that if the peer review does not suggest anomalies, then we can conclude that there are not problems with the data analysis?

Thanks.

Sandy

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Sandy, the raw data would not be something normally included in a review of this scope. If you want the data re-analyzed, that would be a different and considerably more complex and costly project. Reviewers will focus on the study methods, the data analysis as described in the report, and the interpretation of the data. Only if this review suggests anomalies that would warrant a complete re-analysis should we consider such a drastic step.

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Thanks, Bruce.

Jim: Am I correct in assuming that you'll need the raw survey data and data definitions to share with the peer reviewers?

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Sandy - here is what I have - it has the questionnaire. I have the raw Vogelsong survey data, but I am still waiting for his data definitions so someone can make sense of it.

Bruce

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Hi Bruce,

Does the data you got from Dr. Vogelsong include a copy of the CAHA questionnaire? Or does your hard

copy have it? The digital I have of his report also stops with the cover sheet for Appendix A and doesn't include the questionnaire itself. Thanks.

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Sandy,

I can't seem to put my hands on a copy of the CAHA questionnaire. It was attached as Appendix A to the tech report, but my copy only has the cover sheet for the appendix and not the questionnaire.

Thanks.

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Hi Jim,

I have approval to spend up to \$2,500 now on the peer reviews of the Vogelsong study. Thanks.

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Sandy...this request is ok.

Thanks!

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Hi Tammy,

Per our conversation this morning. I'm asking for approval to charge between \$900 and \$2,500 against our operating account, 2310-0003-422, until we receive FY08 project funds for the CAHA ORV Management Plan/EIS/rulemaking. Once those funds are allocated and loaded in the project account, the charges would be shifted to them.

I've been working with Bruce and Dr. Jim Gramann, NPS Visiting Chief Social Scientist, to obtain a peer review of the CAHA Visitor Use Study that NPS had received under a contract with Dr Hans Vogelsong. Dr. Gramann advises having between 3 and 5 peer reviewers, at a cost of \$300-500 per reviewer (hence the \$900 - \$2,500 cost range). Given the continuing controversy over this study, 5 reviewers is preferred.

We're hoping, subject to availability of peer reviewers, to have the reviews completed not later than the end of January. To stay on schedule for the plan/EIS and reg-neg we need these reviews completed right away. The data and analysis from this study will be used to do the OMB-required regulatory impact and cost-benefit impact analyses and the NEPA-required socio-economic impact analysis for the CAHA ORV Management Plan/EIS.

Thanks.

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