

From: [Mike Murray](#)
To: [Sandra Hamilton](#)
Cc: [Doug Wetmore](#); [Paul Stevens](#)
Subject: Fw: call with RTI
Date: 06/09/2010 08:11 AM

Sandy,

I cannot participate in the 4:00 pm call today with Carol Mansfield, but have asked Paul Stevens to participate. I understand that Carol is proposing to limit the locations for the remaining visitor intercept surveys to the "busiest ramps". Without knowing the locations she is proposing (is it the locally busiest ramp in each area? or is it only the top 5 busiest ramps park-wide? etc.), my primary concern is that we do representative surveys across the park and not just at the top few busiest ramps in the park. In other words, do surveys at the busiest ramps for each village or "area" of the park: on Bodie Island (ramp 4); near the Tri-villages (currently ramp 27 is the busiest, although 23 when it is open may be busier than 27); near Avon (ramp 34 or 38); Cape Point (currently ramp 43, or 44 when it is open); Frisco (ramp 49); Hatteras (ramp 55); and Ocracoke (ramp 72 + at least one other one: 59, 67 or 68? 59 may be the best one to consider, in addition to ramp 72, since alternative F proposes to close ORV access north of ramp 59), since the Ocracoke "area" involves the whole island. I suggest Paul get Kenny's advice on which two are the "busiest" ramps that would be the most representative or important to consider on Ocracoke. In any case, I would not want to limit surveys to only the top 5 busiest ramps (4, 44, 49, 55, and 72) because I think it is important that we have survey data for the locally important and relatively busiest ramps near each of the villages, since local visitors and businesses are often most affected by the status of the nearest ramps. For example, if Cape Point is temporarily closed, it is very significant in Buxton, of interest in Avon and Frisco, but hardly matters in Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo, Hatteras Village, or Ocracoke. In any case, if it would improve efficiency and still provide the desired information, I could agree with limiting the remaining surveys to the most productive locations, as long as it provides a sampling of responses from the locally important ramps for each village or "area" of the park.

Paul, the call-in information is as follows:

Today, 4:00 EST on the EQD conference line
Phone number 866-541-661
Passcode 3661304

Thanks,

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----- Forwarded by Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS on 06/09/2010 09:27 AM -----

**Mike
Murray/CAHA/NPS**
06/08/2010 01:24 PM

To Sandra Hamilton/DENVER/NPS
cc Doug Wetmore/DENVER/NPS@NPS
Subject Re: call with RTI

Sandy,

I'll be out of the office at a meeting and may or may not make it back to the office in time to participate in the RTI call (will participate if I can). Meanwhile, attached are my comments about the draft Business Survey report.

[attachment "Business Survey.Draft Final Rpt.mbm comments.docx" deleted by Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS]

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**Sandra
Hamilton/DENVER/NPS**
06/08/2010 10:03 AM

To Mike Murray/CAHA/NPS@NPS
cc Doug Wetmore/DENVER/NPS@NPS
Subject call with RTI

Hi Mike,

I wanted to give you, or whomever you want, from the park, the option to participate in this call **tomorrow**. I set it up so that I can understand the implications of an RTI proposal to change the sampling design for the CAHA visitor intercept study. As I understand it, RTI is proposing to narrow the time frame and locations to focus on more heavily used times/areas.

I've asked Bruce Peacock and Jim Gramann for their opinion on whether a change in

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sampling design mid-way through the study will affect the usefulness to NPS of the study results. Bruce thinks it's OK. I haven't heard back from Jim yet.

Sandy

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06/08/2010 07:19 AM

To "Mansfield, Carol A." <carolm@rti.org>
cc Doug_Wetmore@nps.gov, "Loomis, Ross"
<rloomis@rti.org>
Subject RE: email bounced

Hi Carol,

4:00 EST (2:00 MST) works for me. We can use our conference line.

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Thanks.

Sandy

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**"Mansfield, Carol A."
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06/08/2010 06:25 AM

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cc <Doug_Wetmore@nps.gov>, "Loomis, Ross"
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Hi Sandy,
On Wednesday, I am free at 12:00 EST or 4:00 EST.

Thanks,
Carol

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov [mailto:Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:30 PM
To: Mansfield, Carol A.
Cc: Doug_Wetmore@nps.gov
Subject: Re: email bounced

Thanks, Carol. Doug has forwarded the email and saved the docs on our shared drive. I have questions about what effect changing the sampling design more than midway through the visitor intercept study will have on the usefulness to the NPS of the results and think we should discuss.
Are you available Wednesday afternoon for a call? Thanks.

Sandy

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"Mansfield, Carol
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To: <carolm@rti.org>
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06/07/2010 01:48
cc: PM <Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov>
Subject: email bounced

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Hi Doug,
I just sent an email with the business report and information about the visitor intercept survey to you and Sandy. But Sandy's email bounced back. Did you get the email?

Thanks,
Carol