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From: Mansfield, Carol A. [<mailto:carolm@rti.org>]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 10:07 AM
To: Sandra_Hamilton@nps.gov; Fox, Lori
Cc: Doug_Wetmore@nps.gov; Mansfield, Carol A.; Loomis, Ross
Subject: FEIS and surveys

Hi Sandy, Lori and Doug,
I looked at the text in the versions of the FEIS you cc'd me on, and I have a few comments.

For Chapter 3:

1. All the numbers we sent before for the visitor intercept survey are correct, we won't be changing them in the final report.
2. Tables 35-1, 35-2 and 35-3 (and all the other tables that include the 95% confidence interval): The columns labeled "low" and "high" might be confusing if people mistake them for "min" and "max". I would suggest adding a row above the headings and putting "95% Confidence Interval" over the two columns on the right and then renaming the columns "upper bound" and "lower bound". We are going to make that change in our report too.
3. The text on page 296 (under table 37-1): I noticed a discussion in your emails about 16 ramps vs. 17 ramps and I saw that you changed the 16 to 17 in the description of the ramp counting. I'm not sure how you want to handle this, but our sampling plan was based on the 16 ramps that are open. Since ramp 1 is closed, it wasn't part of our sampling plan. Since ramp 1 is closed and gets no traffic, it is not inaccurate to say that the numbers of roundtrips were for all 17 ramps. But technically ramp 1 was not part of our sample.

For Chapter 4:

1. I think we should delete the reference to 75% of ramp usage (RTI pers. comm. 2009a) on page 603. Ross thinks that is leftover from flyover data or something. Instead you could use the numbers from table 48-2 in chapter 3. Those numbers are just for April to November, but you could say that traffic to spits and points uses the following ramps... and that these ramps account for X% of total roundtrips.

As far as the final reports, we sent the business survey already. We have been working on finishing up the other two reports, but other projects keep interfering. We will have those to you by the end of next week if that works. The counting survey report is messy (needs formatting and editing), but almost complete. I can send you what we have if you want to see it. The intercept survey needs to be put into the report format and we need to add the text we wrote earlier about the methods. I know these reports are way overdue, and all I can say is that we intended to finish them earlier but other work deadlines got in the way.

I'll be in my office until 2:15 EST today if you want to talk about any of this.

Carol

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Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 7:40 PM
To: Fox, Lori
Cc: Mansfield, Carol A.; Doug_Wetmore@nps.gov
Subject: Re: RTI stuff

Thanks, Lori. Talk to you tomorrow.

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Sounds great, thanks! I should have a draft for you before we talk.

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To: Fox, Lori
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Hi Lori,

Doug and I will be in tomorrow morning. How about 8:15? Thanks.

Sandy

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Thanks Doug,

I can work on this tonight, but it may be helpful to have a call with you and Sandy to walk through this tomorrow morning if you are available? We are running against the time when Juanita needs these sections, so if we can talk through this tomorrow morning, I think we can get it ready for her faster and likely more accurate.

Let me know what you think,
Lori

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Subject: RE: RTI stuff

Thanks Lori.

I've attached the Vis Use/Socio sections of 3 and 4 with your highlights (and a few comments inserted). Here are my thoughts:

The vehicle count information seems out of place in the Socio section. Suggest moving to the Number and Distribution of ORVs at the Seashore section of chapter 3.

Why isn't the business survey or visitor intercept survey mentioned in Chapter 3? The first mention of the business survey that I can find is in Chapter 4 methodology under Commercial Fishing, when it's casually mentioned but not cited. That section comes before the Business Survey heading, which is strange.

The first mention of the intercept survey is under the impact analysis for alternative D and then in F. It should be described sooner (probably under methodology) and at least mentioned somewhere in chapter 3.

Overall, it doesn't appear that we've used the results of these surveys adequately.

Misc issues:

Socio section repeatedly mentions 16 ORV ramps. There are 17, including ramp 1 which is seasonally closed (see table 37)

Chapter 4 still uses the old "parking areas" language (12 surfaced plus 2 surfaced). Needs to be updated to revised language.

Business survey and Intercept survey need to be added to FEIS references

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(See attached file: 03_Chapter-3_Camera Ready FEIS 101110 - RTI.doc)(See attached file: 04_Chapter-4_Camera Ready FEIS 101310 - RTI.doc)

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Sure Doug,

See attached, new information is highlighted. Attached is chapter 4, chapter 3 to follow due to file size.

Take care,
Lori

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Hi Lori.

Could you give me a summary of how and where the results of the three RTI studies have been incorporated into the FEIS, please? This would include the non-contact ramp counts, visitor intercept study, and the business survey. I assume that they've been incorporated into chapter 3, but I didn't see them listed in the references.

Thanks.

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