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My point about legally defensible was that what is or what is not defensible is always a matter of opinion. An attorney should have a better idea of this than us bios, but then again, you can find an attorney to argue anything. Making pronouncements about what is or what is not legally defensible puts up sideboards to the discussion that should be made clear at the outset, not thrown up to counter differing proposals. That just slams the door. I feel as though I completely wasted the day as the state and the service both had higher-level guidance to the decision space that wasn't shared. This dishonors the whole process.

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On Thu, Jul 10, 2014 at 11:52 AM, Shoemaker, Rebecca <[rebecca.shoemaker@cfc.umt.edu](mailto:rebecca.shoemaker@cfc.umt.edu)> wrote:

hey Dr. Waller,  
I checked your peer review of the Yellowstone demographics. You made no such analogy.  
I apologize.  
On an unrelated note, would you respect my opinion more or less if I were an actual lawyer?  
Kind of rhetorical but kind of not.  
thanks for all your time on these issues...I don't think it's all for naught.  
rebecca

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