

**From:** [Willey, Seth](#)  
**To:** [Jennifer Fortin-Noreus](#)  
**Cc:** [Sarah Backsen](#); [Jodi Bush](#); [Marjorie Nelson](#); [Alexandra Kasdin](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Peer review of GYE grizzly bears  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 7:48:53 AM

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Anyone else object to closing this thing out?

Thanks,  
Seth

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On Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 8:21 PM, Jennifer Fortin-Noreus <[Jennifer\\_fortin-noreus@fws.gov](mailto:Jennifer_fortin-noreus@fws.gov)> wrote:

I did not feel that there was anything I needed clarification on. Neither did Wayne or Chris.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2016 4:21 PM  
**To:** Backsen, Sarah; Jennifer Fortin-Noreus; Jodi Bush  
**Cc:** Marjorie Nelson; Alexandra Kasdin

**Subject:** Re: Peer review of GYE grizzly bears

I'm inclined to close out the contract, considering it complete.

Jennifer, do you think there are any issues (comments, points, discussions) that are so confusing we should go back to the contractor to seek additional clarity on? Again, my inclination is to close it out, but what do you think?

Seth

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On Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 3:33 PM, Backsen, Sarah <[sarah\\_backsen@fws.gov](mailto:sarah_backsen@fws.gov)> wrote:

Marj and Seth,

Can one of you respond to Dawn? Also, would be good to let her know if there's someone other than me that she should direct callers to... :)

Thanks,

Sarah Backsen (Fierce)

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From: **Johnson, Dawn** <[dawn.johnson@amecfw.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@amecfw.com)>

Date: Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 3:22 PM

Subject: RE: Peer review of GYE grizzly bears

To: "Backsen, Sarah" <[sarah\\_backsen@fws.gov](mailto:sarah_backsen@fws.gov)>

Cc: "Nelson, Marjorie" <[marjorie\\_nelson@fws.gov](mailto:marjorie_nelson@fws.gov)>

Sarah and Marjorie-

I've gotten two calls today about the grizzly bear peer review. I didn't quite get the names of either person. One was an Andrea with a Colorado area code. The other was a man from Wyoming, possibly with Wyoming Game and Fish.

They had both seen the cover letter for the peer reviews and were asking me about the Q&A period. It seemed they were interested in making a comment. I referred them to you (Sarah) as I am not sure how any public comment period will intersect with the peer review process. My understanding (and the usual process) is that a small group review the 'draft' peer reviews for clarity and send along any questions or requests for clarification. Then I work with the peer reviewers to respond/address to those requests, if applicable. Only after the peer review is complete does anything become public. It seems this one is going a bit differently.

I haven't heard anything back from you about any responses from your review of the 'draft' peer reviews, nor seen any contract time extension since the Q&A period is considerably longer than what was included in the scope of work. If you guys have accepted these peer reviews without comment, please let me know so I can submit the 'final' versions, official record, and final invoice.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Backsen, Sarah [mailto:[sarah\\_backsen@fws.gov](mailto:sarah_backsen@fws.gov)]

**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2016 2:28 PM

**To:** Johnson, Dawn <[dawn.johnson@amec.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@amec.com)>

**Cc:** Nelson, Marjorie <[marjorie\\_nelson@fws.gov](mailto:marjorie_nelson@fws.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Peer review of GYE grizzly bears

Hi Dawn,

Our team is still delving into the peer reviews to determine whether we will have any questions or comments for the peer reviewers. It sounds like we will have a better sense in the next few weeks if not sooner.

Thanks,

Sarah Backsen (Fierce)

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On Thu, Jun 23, 2016 at 12:53 PM, Johnson, Dawn <[dawn.johnson@amecfw.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@amecfw.com)> wrote:

I was just checking in to see how the Q&A period is coming along. Do you know when you'll be providing any comments that the reviewers need to respond to?

Sincerely,

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**From:** Backsen, Sarah [mailto:[sarah\\_backsen@fws.gov](mailto:sarah_backsen@fws.gov)]

**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2016 11:00 AM

**To:** Johnson, Dawn <[dawn.johnson@amec.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@amec.com)>

**Cc:** Nelson, Marjorie <[marjorie\\_nelson@fws.gov](mailto:marjorie_nelson@fws.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Peer review of GYE grizzly bears

Thank you, I will share these with the team.

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On Thu, Jun 9, 2016 at 8:23 PM, Johnson, Dawn <[dawn.johnson@amecfw.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@amecfw.com)> wrote:

Majorie and Sarah-

Attached please find a cover letter, the five reviews, and the five resumes. Let me know if you find any errors, need more information in the cover letter, or generally have any questions. I'll provide a complete admin record after completion of the Q&A period.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Nelson, Marjorie [mailto:[marjorie\\_nelson@fws.gov](mailto:marjorie_nelson@fws.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016 5:24 PM

**To:** Johnson, Dawn <[dawn.johnson@amec.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@amec.com)>

**Cc:** Sarah Backsen <[sarah\\_backsen@fws.gov](mailto:sarah_backsen@fws.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: cover letter for grizzly reviews

Hi Dawn,

The address is 134 Union Blvd. Lakewood, Colorado 80228

You may make the electronic submission of the reviews, resumes, and letter as PDFs and you can send them to myself and Sarah Backsen, who is coordinating review of comments. For our administrative record, we will also need any relevant material that would go into the record such as emails between you and the peer reviewers giving direction on questions, emails between them and Steve Gess on issues. That can be completed after the 5th review is in. Please feel free to contact Sarah if you have any questions on the administrative record.

thanks so much!

Marj

Marjorie Nelson

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Check out the SSA Framework - Google site for staff at : <https://sites.google.com/a/fws.gov/ssa/>

On Tue, May 24, 2016 at 9:05 AM, Johnson, Dawn <[dawn.johnson@amecfw.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@amecfw.com)> wrote:

Marjorie-

I've received 4 of the 5 reviews and am working on the transmittal letter, while waiting on the 5<sup>th</sup> review. The SOW indicates the transmittal letter should go to Noreen Walsh. I am planning on submitting everything electronically, but I should probably use her correct mailing address. Can you verify that address? I am also assuming I just submit to you, unless there are other people that I should include on the transmittal email?

I was just going to summarize the documents reviewed, the process, and who the reviewers are/were, then include the 5 reviews and 5 resumes. I'm assuming you want the letter, reviews and resumes each as separate pdfs (so that would be 3 pdfs total). Can you confirm that as well?

Is there anything else you want in the transmittal letter?

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