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I'm doing up a table today, with some of the statements that jump out. I guess it comes with writing a petition, but they seem to want to include everything but the kitchen sink. There is some truth in everything they assert, but sometimes it isn't totally accurate. I have mixed feelings; there is something to be said for taking the easy route, then getting to the nitty gritty in a 12-month finding. Like most, I think of the bison as iconic, historic, and worthy of particular attention. But I still think we need to acknowledge both sides. The best available information is that it doesn't have cattle introgressed genes, but as technologies improve, I wouldn't be at all surprised to find out it does. At low ebb, it had 25-30 resident bison and was augmented with 21 from Texas and Montana that had a history of cattle cross-breeding. So the introgression and continuously resident and wild may be stretches (plus they corralled, hayed, vaccinated, culled, etc even in Yellowstone). They also provide literature that supports, but ignore that which doesn't. White & Wallen 2012 is a rebuttal to Halbert 2012, but they don't discuss it. Anyway...I'll try to get through my table today. Call if you want to discuss.

On Tue, Jan 13, 2015 at 9:46 AM, Shoemaker, Justin <[justin\\_shoemaker@fws.gov](mailto:justin_shoemaker@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Joy,

Have you had any time to look over the bison petition and evaluation form? Thoughts?

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