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As an active ecological researcher I am concerned about the recent OMB proposal regarding peer review. The Office of Management and Budget should withdraw the proposed Bulletin and engage the scientific community in an open, transparent process.

There currently exist many models of scientific peer review in government agencies. The authors of the OMB proposal made no attempt to examine this extensive experience and see what works well (and what doesn't), and on that basis determine if changes are needed.

Thank you,

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