



November 17, 2019

TO: Mary Erickson  
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FR: The Park County Rod and Gun Club  
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RE: Proposed South Crazies Land Exchange

Dear Mrs. Erickson,

The Park County Rod and Gun Club is the oldest and most dedicated sporting/conservation organization in Park County. Our membership is diverse with one club objective being to enhance local hunting opportunities so that families may secure food and fiber for consumption and use. Our club maintains a yearly membership of over 1,000 individuals located in Park, Sweet Grass, and Gallatin counties, most of which are hunters who enjoy the bounties of public lands.

We realize the difficulty that exists in managing a checkerboard landscape and applaud the Forest Service's attempts to find solutions; however, we must oppose losing Sections 4 and 8 (T2N R11E). The Club opposes this land exchange because each section contains high-value wildlife habitat that is accessible, by the public hunter, through an easement/corner overlap. The relocation of the Porcupine Lowline Trail has already compromised enough public land wildlife habitat in the Crazy Mountains and so we ask that the voices of off-trail hunters be heard during this comment period. We ask the Forest Service to meet their obligations under the MUSY act and protect this area for citizen use.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide a comment on the South Crazies Land Exchange.

The Park County Rod and Gun Club Board of Directors