Dear Forest Service,

We founded the Yellowstone Country Hunters and Anglers because of what is happening in the Crazy Mountains. We do not support this land swap because it’s bad for kids. We are kids and we have to live with the decisions all you adults make “on our behalf”. We’ll never get these lands back and the forest service could just buy the high elevation lands and the people who own those would make millions of dollars and there would be a big block of public land in the crazy mountains. Isn’t that your goal?

Protect our places to hunt by not building trails through the middle of the animal’s habitat so they get spooked off the public land onto places that don’t allow hunting. All these trails also stress the animals and their young. The trails that are low on the mountainside and mostly on private land are the ones to reopen for recreation. Please leave the lands without trails to the animals and hunters who want to hike or horseback into there and harvest an animal. We want wild place left for us to enjoy!

People who live and hunt here do not want the land swap. Why do people who live in Big Sky and make millions of dollars a year get to decide what happens in the Crazy Mountains. That is crazy!

We don’t know a lot about mineral rights but it seems really unfair when the forest service gives up all the mineral rights on the public lands but only gets a small amount in return. How does that protect kids?

Thank you for listening to the kids because we will inherit your decisions.

Tess and Chloe Goosey

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