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To: US Forest Service and Crazy Mountain Access Project

RE: Crazy Mountain Inspiration Divide Land Exchange #63115

Hello,

I have recently been made aware of the proposed land exchange referenced above. As a resident of Montana, outdoorsman, and hunter I am not confident that this deal is in the interest of the citizens of Montana or a vast majority of those who visit the state in search of outdoor adventures. It is my interpretation that this deal entails a number of issues: Prescriptive easements not being maintained by the USFS, which have resulted in land owners taking it upon their liberties to create illegal no trespassing zones, hunters losing accessibility to habits where a successful harvest can be made and packed out reasonably and safely, and the exchange of parcels of unequal value of which benefits the landowners significantly more than the citizens of Montana.

I feel that the involved, current, prescriptive easements need to be maintained and honored, that hunters should be able access productive habitats and landscapes using the currently established access points and lands, and that any exchange be made for the benefit of a majority and not the involved deal makers. It is in the best interest of Montana to hold the USFS accountable for maintaining the Sweet Grass and East Trunk trails and to ensure that residents (and visitors) have access to the great outdoors in a way that adds value to their lives and to the state.

To summarize: I am against the proposed Land Exchange #63115

Respectfully,

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