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Comments re: the Southern Crazy Mountains Land Exchange (Project 56687) From resident of the Shields Valley & 55 years a Montana resident.

As to just some of the specifics, I would like to speak to the following:

> The information as to the Environmental Assessment is lacking concerns to the lands under the exchange proposal. There is a need relating to the mining elements in the exchange parcels as noted in the recent Yellowstone coalition win over hazardous gold mining near YNP.

> There should not be abandonment of trail #272 (on 1925 FS maps) as this trail has historically been used by the public making travel along it a legal route for all users. Through the proposed land exchange losing this important trail is not a win for the public especially for the burgeoning population of families with small children that increasingly use or public lands for outdoor recreation. Remember the extent that residents and newcomers to MT know that public lands and their access are the real draw to becoming and remaining Montanans. Also note that tourism to our public places is the 2nd most important economic driver in MT.

> The viability of the lower areas of the Crazy Mtns. being prime hunting, and scenic recreational areas including the fisheries within the Rock Creek watershed are now under assault with this SCMLExchange proposal. Living full time in the Shields Valley, I am cognizant during hunting season ( esp. Nov. 2019) of the large number of pickup trucks coming out of the morning fog with elk antlers, elk hooved feet projecting from the truck's back end and gunnels. Looks like residents around here value the chance to have very viable hunting spaces in our mountain and forest lands. The public's fair chase hunting in Sections 8 and 4 should be protected, not be grifted away.

> It should be noted. Be sure that the remarkable and intelligent comments already posted for your review are read, as mine surely are, and taken under consideration for your review and recommendations concerning the SCMLE project.

Thank you.

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