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Comments: As you know, checkerboard ownership in the crazy mountains is constantly changing and access is an issue. I have encountered locked gates at ibex station and seen motorized vehicles at campfire lake.

I appreciate the intent of the exchange proposal. It is to minimize conflict and provide an advantage for the public.

The negotiations of the last 2 years is not, as presented, between [lsquo]down home[rsquo] ranchers and the usfs. It is clear that the yellowstone club has ramroaded the exchange in order to obtain an expansion of the ski resort in an area which is critical to elk, wolves, and bears.

Trading parcels 1 through 7 for the benifet of yellowstone club is not in the public interest.

I am familiar with David leuschen. He own the huge switchback ranch near red lodge. At some point he bought sections at crazy peak and smeller lake. The question is why did he buy the inaccessible land and why does he want to trade.

Several other parcels are obvious trades of low lying big timber canyon areas for high alpine lands. It is complicated but I certainly don[rsquo]t trust anything that the yellowstone club wants. The 22 mile trail will never be built. It is not in their interest. Money is their interest. The forest service has been quoted as saying [ldquo]the usfs has slowly chipped away at problems[rdquo] continue chipping . pleas in spite of all the work, decide on alternative A no action. I would prefer individual access litigation vs. the broad sweeping land exchange.