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Comments: As a landowner in a different part of Sweet Grass County and a prominent businessman in Big Timber, I have been sitting back watching the events the last few years unfold regarding the access saga of the old Forest Service trail running North of Big Timber Canyon in the Crazy Mountains north of Big Timber, MT. I am quite pleased to hear of the proposed land exchange/new trail construction agreement between the Yellowstone Club, U.S. Forest Service and the landowners in the affected area. I believe this exchange recognizes private property rights while providing a means of legal public access to areas that were in the past, extremely difficult to access. Not only do I believe that the newly constructed trail will provide for day hikes and extended trips, it will also create a looped foot and horse access through the mountains to the West side of the Crazies. When people work together to help make things happen, good things become of it. I truly believe this synergistic relationship will greatly benefit everyone involved, especially the general public. The last thing that is needed is more public access closed because people could not get along and come up with solutions. This proposal will help enhance the economy in the Big Timber area, affecting each and everyone who live in the Big Timber area and Montana. I am very pleased this solution has been proposed.