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Comments: I am objecting to the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange Draft Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact, Environmental Assessment and Supporting Documents. I have spent much of my recreating time since I was a young boy in the early 1960's in the Crazy Mountains. Growing up in Harlowton, the Crazies became and are very special to me. They touched me to my soul.

I am really disappointed in the Forest Service moving ahead with this land exchange. It appears that the agency has decided from the start to accept what the landowners blocking Forest Service trails and the Yellowstone Club came up with for a land exchange. While there has been some moderate changes to the original proposal from these parties, the basic exchange has not change. It is a lopsided exchange that heavily favors the landowners in the East Crazies and rewards them for blocking public access to our National Forest lands. It appears to be an exercise to have the appearance of solving a problem of public access and checkerboard land ownership in the East Crazies when it actually makes the access more difficult for the public. It also makes future development in the lower elevation lands easier for the private landowners.

My specific objections are attached. I also want to refer back to my comments dated December 19,2022 and supporting documents on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment last year as backup to by objections.

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