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Comments: Dear Supervisor Erickson,Decff2022I support the citizen-proposed East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange #63115.It's inspiring to see both ranchers, sportsmen and outdoor recreationists working together to findcommon ground to create certainty and clarity for ranching, conservation and public landsaccess.Designing a federal proposal of this scope is challenging, and I appreciate the fact that both sidesof the discussion worked together, and a lot was achieved by doing so. This proposal is animportant step forward to provide permanent, identifiable access to the east side of the CrazyMountains. Currently, there is no legal access to the Sweet Grass drainage. The exchange willprovide the public with new, permanent legal access.Ultimately, this land exchange is a good deal both for outdoor enthusiasts, wildlife habitat, andworking lands. It will increase public access in the long-checkerboarded Crazy Mountains andhelp the U.S. Forest Service effectively steward important backcountry habitat. Area rancherscan more effectively manage their livestock grazing operations and maintain open spaces thatbenefit wildlife, habitat, and environment. In addition, it provides a good model for ranchers,sportsmen and agencies collaborating in the future.Please advance this proposal. I believe it will benefit our community as a whole. Thank you foryour time and consideration of this important issue.