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I'd like to encourage the preservation of the wild, scenic, and cultural values of the Crazy Mountains in the new forest plan. The amount of checkerboard ownership in the range makes large scale conservation difficult, but it's a project worth pursuing, to protect the wild and pristine character of the Crazies and prevent development.

Last summer, I hiked south from Porcupine Cabin along the Porcupine Lowline Trail, which was gated off by a private landowner after less than a mile. I know this isn't the only case of public access being closed off, but it was a stark reminder that if we don't act to protect our natural areas, we allow them to be locked up by private interests. In a place that's as spiritually significant as the Crazies (sacred to the Crow for hundreds of years), and as beautiful, it's critical that we actively look for solutions that will ensure solitude, wild character, and habitat for the future.

Thanks,

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