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Comments: Dear USFS - I am writing to you regarding the land swap in the Crazy Mountains. Some of what you are proposing makes sense. However, some does not.

Specifically, I object to the trades in the Rock Creek area. As a person who greatly enjoys Montana FS lands for fishing and hiking, I do not like proposals which threaten those activities. Swapping public land sections 4 and 8 (Township 2 N., Range 11 E.) for private sections 11, 13 and 21 (Township 3 N., Range 11 E.) is what concerns me.

Here are some specific reasons why:

Sections 4 and 8 described above offer public access to perfect quality habitat, because they are mid elevation and have lowland habitat. This is not common in the Crazy Mountains.

These sections contain portions of Rock Creek and offer quality hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, camping, etc.

Access to these sections is already legal and easy for the public by walk-in access through Forest Service Trails 270 and 272. They are not landlocked nor inaccessible, therefore making them unattractive for trade.

These sections are the top of quality public land and wildlife habitat and would be a major loss for the public if traded for sections 11, 13 and 21, which do not hold anywhere near the same value of quality habitat and ease of public access.

Thank you for the consideration of my opinion on this important issue. Your work is important and appreciated.