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Comments: Thank you for your efforts to consolidate public land sections. The checkerboard pattern in existence now is frustrating for public land recreationists and has an unnecessary chilling effect on public land access. I support most land exchanges, but I cannot support all of this one. This is not a fair exchange for the public. The proposal to trade sections 4 and 8 (Township 2 N., Range 11 E.) for private sections 11, 13 and 21 (Township 3 N., Range 11 E.) should be removed from this land swap.

Sections 4 and 8 offer public access to high-quality mid-elevation and lowland wildlife habitat, which is rare, particularly in the Crazies. Because of this high quality habitat, the sections contain portions of Rock Creek and offer quality hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, and camping. The proposed swap does nothing to increase public access as these sections are already legally and easily accessible for public walk-in access through Forest Service Trails 270 and 272. There is a lot of high elevation public land, but not enough low- and mid-elevation public land, which contains quality wildlife habitat. Please deny this land swap.

Thank you for your consideration.