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Subject: Proposed land exchange South Crazy Mountains Custer Gallatin Forest

As an advocate for public access on Federal, State and private lands I am taking this opportunity to oppose the proposed land exchange in the Crazy Mountains in the Custer Gallatin National Forest. I am a native Montanan, who was born and live in the Flathead Valley.

I understand the politics of private vs public land ownership, the associated financial implications and the often contentious ideology when one family attempts to advance their motives at the expense of the national citizenry.

We are a family of outdoor enthusiasts. Several members have visited this unique access point and the sprawling ecosystem found behind. Each who have returned have commented on how the existing system is serviceable and works well. This proposal needs to be stopped once and for all time. It is short sighted, and needs to be nothing more than a dream when weighted against the public's perpetual use.

Don't sacrifice the egotistical actions of one family for the enjoyment and use of future generations.

Respectfully,

Bob Benke

Sent from my iPhone