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Comments: As an avid hunter and angler who depends upon public land access for opportunities I wanted to express my opposition of the exchange of 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.).

Being a resident of Utah and well aware of the access challenges because of various politicians in this state, I take my hunting and angling to places like Montana in an attempt to explore some of the many wild places like these sections of land you are considering swapping out. No doubt someone will benefit from this exchange, it just isn't the vast majority of public land users...rather the private land owners who are positioned to win.

Sections 4 and 8 described in the proposal offer some of the most diverse habitat and wildlife in the Crazy Mountain landscape.

Additionally, these sections are already legally and easily accessible for public walk-in access through Forest Service Trails 270 and 272. They are not landlocked nor inaccessible, therefor making them unattractive for trade.

These sections are the epitome 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 your time,

Brian