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Comments: I am glad that the Forest Service is working to try to reduce the challenges posed by the checkerboard landownership in the Crazies. I am generally in favor of consolidating public lands to improve management and public access.

However, I am adamantly opposed to the proposed trade of sections 4 and 8, Township 2 North, Range 11 East. In the Crazies and throughout the West, lower elevation habitat like sections 4 and 8 are limited. This is especially true for land that is publicly accessible, which both sections 4 and 8 are. Although the high elevation sections proposed for exchange with sections 4 and 8 may be picturesque alpine, they are nowhere near as productive for wildlife habitat, hunting, fishing, and non-game wildlife viewing.

I encourage the Forest Service to continue working towards the other exchanges in the proposal and to keep looking for solutions that would consolidate higher elevation areas of public lands in the Crazies without giving up high quality lower elevation habitat.