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Comments: I oppose the proposed land swap in the Crazy Mountains for the following reasons. Sections 4 and 8 described above offer public access to high-quality mid-elevation and lowland wildlife habitat, a rarity in the greater Crazy Mountain landscape. These sections contain portions of Rock Creek and offer quality hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, camping, etc.

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. I am concerned the precedent being set if we begin to swap quality land which are easily accessible to the public. This appears to be a net loss in public access as opposed to a gain.