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Comments: Regarding South Crazy Mountains Land Exchange #56687, I oppose the swap of Crazy Mountain Ranch (CMR) blocks 11, 13, & Dlocks 12, I for existing Forest Service blocks 4 & Dlocks 4 & Dlocks 12, I for existing Forest Service blocks 4 & Dlocks 14, I for existing Ranch (CMR) blocks 11, 13, & Dlocks 11, 13, & Dlocks 12, I for existing Forest Service blocks 4 & Dlocks 14, I for existing Ranch (CMR) blocks 11, 13, & Dlocks 11, 13, & Dlocks 12, I for existing Forest Service had been and fishing access into private hands, in return for high-elevation, and lower quality big game habitats and wild trout fishing grounds. Trades like this will exacerbate the public's relative lack of moderate elevation accessible lands in favor of additional remote, high elevation lands which are not in short supply and on a relative basis are in far less demand from the public. The private "locking up" of foothill lands is a problem throughout the west, typically leaving high altitude lands under administration of the National Forest Service and low elevation scrublands under administration of the BLM. Mid-elevation, desirable parcels such as Block 4 and 8 should be preserved in the public domain, and other parcels like them should be targeted for acquisition and in-fill. The swap as proposed is counter to the actual public demand for preservation of and access to such areas. Please do not move forward with that portion of the swap.