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Comments: I provide this comment from the perspective of a civil engineer, land surveyor, and public land recreationist, with over 20 years of experience in land use planning, design, and construction; as well as over 40 years of enjoyment of our state's public resources. In exploring the South Crazy Mountain Land Exchange proposal, I oppose that portion of the exchange that includes transfer of Sections 4 and 8 (T2N, R11E) to private ownership. These two parcels currently exist as prime public recreation lands. Transferring them to private ownership appears to remove many existing high-quality opportunities for public lands access. The exchange runs adverse to the overall goal of increasing our public's opportunities for access and enjoyment of public lands by removing currently-existing opportunities without an equal or greater replacement. The two parcels proposed for transfer to private ownership have legal and physical access already and would be considered prime development sites for a number of uses that will restrict the enjoyment of those resources to a select few. This portion of the overall proposed exchange does not appear to better serve the public interest.