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Comments: I'm opposed to this land exchange as currently proposed. I can appreciate wanting to take care of multiple issues at once and cleaning up our boundaries, but the Crazy Mountain Ranch portion of the this exchange is not a fair deal for the public and favors a large out-of-state corporation.

It is my understanding that this exchange has been in the works for quite some time; however, it is often very late in the process that things escalate to a point that people realize the long-term impacts and get engaged. I worry that the supporters perspective is that that this has been an ongoing issue/process that needs to get resolved soon, but as a local Montana native I have only recently heard of this issue. From my perspective, and several first-hand accounts, most the folks that use this property don't even know they are about to lose it. Not writing this to change any process, and I don't have any great ideas to make a bigger campaign on issues like this, but I will say that this will be a taking from the public that will presumably be indefinite and should not go forth as written in this proposal.

We cannot afford to lose this prime public ground that is accessible and useable by many, for lesser ground that is much more difficult to access and enjoy, for the sake of making property lines look good and/or counting acres. I'm all for good land exchanges, and as frustrated as the next person with messy boundaries, but only in places where it is a fair deal.

The current sections of property near the Crazy Mountain Ranch is a place where I will visit, and take my family to enjoy. The sections up for trade are places I will very doubtfully go. The mountain lake is a great feature in this trade, but there are many other mountain lakes in the Crazy Mountains that are easier to get to, and you rarely see anyone else there.

Please do not trade our prime Montana public ground, for sections of land that pale in comparison.

Best Regards,