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Comments: In general I support the South Crazy Mountains Land Exchange, but I have some questions and comments about it. I would like to know if the Yellowstone cutthroat trout are native to Rock and Smeller Lakes. Does the dam at Rock Lake raise the level of an existing lake or did it create the lake? How long is the pipe coming out of the lake?

Did the lakes have fish historically? If not, I don't think they should be stocked except in the case of restoration of an endangered species.

Are the brook, brown and rainbow trout in the area native to the waters they are in? If not, they should not be supported.

What is the irrigation equipment for? What will happen to the irrigation equipment after the exchange? The PEA mentions a goal of increasing the populations of big game animals. This appears to be for the benefit of hunting, so I am wondering if the current populations are supported by the ecosystem, and if increased populations can be supported. I favor adherence to the needs of the native ecosystem.

I support the efforts to resolve the issues with mineral ownership. Hopefully there will be no mining claims when the lands come into federal ownership.

I do not support the ROS designation of semi-primitive motorized recreation in Section 11, because it is in an Inventoried Roadless Area. I hope the Roadless Rule can be amended so that Section 11 can be included in the IRA, and the roads in the IRA can be converted to trails.

Some of the grazing allotments go well into high lake basins. I don't think grazing should be allowed in sensitive areas like that. I hope when allotments are addressed again, grazing is prohibited in sensitive areas. Thank you for your consideration of these issues.