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I would add to this discussion that I have been a resident of Archuleta County since 1970 and I am familiar with the Valle Seco and the lands in question. This continues to be a vital portion of a migration route for deer and elk from summer range along both sides of the Continental Divide in Colorado to winter range in the Valle Seco (Colorado) as well as on to and thru Southern Ute, Jicarilla Tribal lands and also into the Carson National Forest in New Mexico.

Most winters the Valle Seco also holds several hundred wintering deer and elk and is also an important winter range, as well as a migration corridor. From a wildlife perspective there is no better use for the private lands proposed for trade in the Valle Seco than to remain in an undeveloped state and to continue to be a priority for wildlife.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Dick Ray