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RE: LAND SWAP

As a concerned citizen of Archuleta County and a resident of the Lower Blanco, I see first hand the deer and elk migration to and from their winter and summer ranges. We do not need an 8 foot fence enclosing this private land. This Land Swap would allow their migration without stress on their natural and ingrained habits. It would also better enable the Forest Service to better manage the Valle Seco area.

I have spoken to many out of state hunters and local residents who don't understand why they can't access the National Forest Land between the Private Land which has now been landlocked for years.

This brings up another issue...which puts too many hunters in the only vehicle assessable area to the back side of the Valle Seco.

The proposed Land Swap would ease hunting pressure on this area and spread out hunters for a more enjoyable hunt. These out of state hunters come a long way and spend a considerable amount of money in our community. I hope their concerns and those of Local residents, are taken into account.

Respectfully,

Charles L. Gallegos