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Comments: Hello - We're guessing you are getting a lot of correspondence on this, so will keep it brief. We have a home on Cooper Spur Road. We've closely followed the proposed trade over the years, from when (if we have it right) the identified problem was with the Government Camp property being assessed to have value well in excess of the Cooper Spur property that was to be relinquished by Meadows. We can't speak to the accuracy of the criticisms of the most recent appraisals currently being asserted by the land use coalitions, but do agree that leaving 160 acres at cooper Spur in Meadows' ownership invites a similar battle down the road to the one that has cost so much in time and resources leading up to the present. Our hope would be that a fair solution would (1) allow Meadows to retain enough property for economic viability of continuing to run (or eventually, sell, the Inn, but with further development confined to the existing footprint, with some reasonable additional expansion possible on the site, and (2) preclude, via conservation easement or other binding restriction, the rest of the property ever being developed or used for anything other than its existing permitted recreational and forest uses. I would expect that Meadows would seek some reasonable compensation for that restriction, but it would presumably be far less than the value of the fee ownership of the property, particularly since it would continue to have timber harvest value for its owner.

Those are our thoughts. Happy to answer any questions.