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Comments: In reviewing the public parcels being proposed for the land exchange,

I am extremely concerned about some of the parcel exchanges proposed because they could block access to public lands if the exchange is done. Even on parcels where "there is no legal public or administrative motorized use on the private roads that cross the parcel." converting these public lands could still lead to public lands becoming inaccessible. It happens all the time, too many of our public lands are being blocked by private land owners, where they simply put up a gate or a chain across a Forest Service or county road at the point that a public road is near or crosses their land and they illegally block access. This seems to easily be the case for the proposed exchange for Parcel 7, where Castle Creek Road crosses through the proposed parcel exchange. Just because the USFS says that we would continue to have access to our public lands, this parcel seems that it would make it much easier for private landowners to block the road/s to adjoining USFS lands and USFS public lands beyond. Parcel 11 seems suspicious as well. That is a very long parcel that bounds a Special Management Area. Will access along the eastern boundary be guaranteed once it becomes private land?

I urge you to remove Parcel 7 and 11 from the exchange unless there is a guarantee that the USFS will ensure a road easement and enforce the law for any private land owner that blocks access to our public lands. It has gotten out of control with huge tracks of public forest lands being locked up by private land owners. It is also very disheartening to watch when this happens and the USFS stands by and does nothing.