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I support this proposal as proposed.

I have two main reasons for supporting this proposal:

1. The Crazy Mountains public lands are a tremendous natural/recreational resource that need further consolidation in public hands to offset severe impediments to public use caused by checkerboard land ownership. The subject land swap advances that need, but much further work and acquisition is also needed.
2. The Big Sky is already over-developed in the heart of the Gallatin/Madison drainage. However, the Yellowstone Club will use acquired land to expand skiing acreage -- thus this land swap initiative is acceptable as proposed because skiing and outdoor recreation do not in general present risks of extreme environmental degradation (excepting issues relating to point and non source-point pollution, which now cause annual green algae blooms in the Gallatin River, mainly resulting from improper sewage treatment caused by the aforesaid over-development of residential and tourist housing in Big Sky, at a cumulative level well beyond what the watershed can support without impairment.