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Comments: First off, thank you for your efforts in improving access to the Crazy Mountains. In so doing, please do not overlook actions that may have the opposite effect. For example, relinquishing access rights to Sweetgrass Creek in perpetuity is a huge mistake. The land up there belongs to the people and the people have a right to access it. When there's resistance from private landowners, we need to fight harder, not capitulate and compromise. There are so few access points to the Crazies already, we should never, under any circumstance, give up one of them, nor should we abandon the effort to add more access points. Prescriptive easements are powerful tools under Montana law and the landowners know this. Which means that the people, aka the federal government by way of the Forest Service, should be playing hardball. The only reason private landowners deny access easements is so that they can have all that public land for themselves. You can't support that, you just can't. You're holding all the cards, you have what they want; be strong and fight harder for the people. We're the ones who should be coming out with the better end of the bargain, not the self-serving, rapacious money-mongers who monopolize OUR land so that they can have exclusive access to the elk herds that, according to the Montana constitution, belong to everyone.