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Comments: I'm a 5th generation Montana man have lived by the Crazy Mts. all my life. I have hunted fished and hiked the Crazy's for years. I'm all for more public access so future generations can enjoy our lands. I'm not in favor of this exchange and new trail proposal on the east side of the Crazy Mts. I used to hike in on lower East Trunk Trail from Big Timber canyon road by picnic area. Now with new proposal people will have to start 3 miles up canyon just to get that far. Ask any hunter who knows this area and they will agree the best hunting is on the East front not up the canyons also the new trail will be steeper and will access areas that are not as good hunting. On a hunters standpoint who's going to hike or horseback an extra three miles to areas that are not as good hunting, steeper country , when an outfitter and his clients can still drive almost to same area? My belief on a backpackers perspective is the majority will not even use the new proposed trail they will go up Big timber canyon on existing trail to high lakes and over top to Sweetgrass canyon to high lakes and beautiful scenery not on the lower proposed trail where it's mostly timber and no fishing. The parcels the fs are exchanging are a lot more user friendly for hunting, fishing and hiking then the parcels the private landowners are exchanging. The only ones i see benefiting from this proposal is the landowners not the public. My vote is to leave as is .
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