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Comments: The Crazy Mountains are a special and unique place. I appreciate your efforts to address the public and private 'checkerboarding' in the area to improve public access.

But I request that, as a condition of the land exchange, conservation easements are put on public lands going into private ownership. Without easements in place, there is no guarantee that existing low-elevation wildlife habitat will stay intact. I request that you include conservation easements as a condition of the exchange, as you did for the South Crazy Mountains Land Exchange.

In addition, the Forest Service should retain public and administrative access claims to sections 7, 8 and 10 in the Sweetgrass drainage. Failure to protect those claims would set a dangerous precedent for future access disputes and could simplify resolution of pending litigation over access to and management of the resources in those areas.