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Comments: I do not support the exchange for numerous reason and do not think the EA is complete.

I do not support it the exchange because:

- -it caters to private land owners and incentivizes them to illegally block legal public access;
- -trades away the most valuable lands, for hunters and non-summer recreationalists;
- -it does not include conservation easements on the lands to be traded away.

The EA is incomplete because it:

- -does not accurately document the amount of wetlands in the exchange (mentions the proponents doing a survey after the fact which is not acceptable);
- -does not provide the financial appraisals for the parcels;
- -does not appear to account for timber values;
- -does not provide just compensation to the public without full mineral rights being conveyed.

Furthermore, I am very disheartened that the Forest Service, a public service I am quite fond of and typical defender of, has chosen to not pursue legal action against the private land owners blocking access. The FS must represent the public, must fight for the publics rights, not concede and compromise those rights away. I expect better and stronger leadership.