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Comments: To Whom It May Concern: I am a homeowner in both the Snowcrests and Big Sky and am writing in support of the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange. I have read the Forest Service's Environmental Assessment and agree that the exchange is a fair compromise in this long disputed area of the Eastern Crazies. With losses in court and then appeal, the best course for proponents of backcountry access is this plan, which will secure permanent undisputed access with a new trail from a public parking area, and add Smeller Lake to the hiking and fishing destinations open to the public. Animal migration and remoteness will also be enhanced by this plan which consolidates public lands. As to the land exchange in Big Sky, the public is picking up land on either side of the magnificent Cedar Loop Trail, in exchange for lands that are virtually unused currently. Thank you for your efforts in putting together the analysis.