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Comments: The Crazy Mountains are a special and important place to me and many other Montanans. Private development within the existing Forest boundary could harm wildlife in the immediate and surrounding area by disrupting wildlife habitat. Conservation easements should be mandatory for an exchange of this sort in the area proposed. To protect Montana for generations to come, please include conservation easements as a condition of the land exchange (as was done for the South Crazy Mountains Land Exchange).

In addition, the Forest Service should establish and retain public and administrative access/road easements to sections 7, 8 and 10 in Sweetgrass drainage. Establishing legal access around and/or through the proposed area prior to any privatization would be in the best interest of the Forest Service and Montanans for generations to come.

I appreciate your efforts to address the public and private land issues at hand, and truly hope that no public lands become privatized. If they must, I just hope the people taking the time to consider public comment also have the time to put in place access easements to and through public lands, conservation easements to protect and preserve wildlife habitat, protective covenants to prevent the disruption of surface and subterranean natural resources, and whatever else needs to be done to protect and preserve Montana for the wildlife and for the generations of people yet to come.