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Comments: I wish to submit my comments in strong opposition of the proposed land exchange in the Crazy Mountains. As an avid outdoorsman, hiker, backpacker, hunter and fisherman, I have found a majority of the land area in Crazy Mountains to be already nearly inaccessible to the general public due to private land checkerboarding & restricted accesses. I do not wish to see any more land exchanged from public to private; this exchange would only harm those who wish to utilize all that our great and beautiful Crazy Mountains have to offer.

I oppose this suggested exchange for the following reasons:

- the public would lose miles of accessible fishing streams
- the public loses hunting and angling opportunities (already incredibly limited in this area)
- the public loses additional water rights overall
- the public loses mineral rights overall
- the public loses trails and roads overall
- the public loses over 40 acres of incredibly valuable wetlands
- the public does not have a proper evaluation of the dollars lost in potential revenue from possible timber and land sales
- this action is clearly being driven by hidden interests of the Yellowstone Club, and that is something that I feel all red-blooded Montanans should be vehemently opposed to; the YC has proven time and time again that it represents the gentrification and privatization of our historic landscape, and we cannot allow this mindset to continue to expand outside of Big Sky for the greater good of our state and our public lands