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Comments: I oppose the land swap in the East Crazy Mountains in Montana. Our public lands are our most valuable resource as they provide critical access to hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation opportunities not available in other countries. These lands should remain public and any land swap with private landowners should be in favor of the public. The proposed land swap is severely imbalanced in favor of the private parties in several areas:

The public loses miles of fishable streams.

The public trades high quality, low-land wildlife habitat for higher, steeper, less productive habitat.

The public loses hunting and angling opportunity (as acknowledged in the USFS's PEA)

The public loses more water rights than it gains

The public gives 100% of mineral rights and receives only 18% in return

The public gives up two important and historic trails and four administrative roads in return for one trail.

The public loses over 40 acres of wetlands

Lastly there is no disclosure of land or timber value lost by the public.

I ask you, how is any of this a fair trade for the public land owner?