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Comments: I appreciate your efforts to address the public and private checkerboarding in the East Crazies. I do not agree, however, with the abandonment of the low-lying easements and historical access along the Sweetgrass Drainage. Moving the existing trail to higher and more rugged terrain and limiting public access to one location is not a good solution for the public or the landscape.

The lower elevations are prime wildlife habitat and should be preserved and kept open to public access.

Please include easements as a condition of the exchange.

The Forest Service should retain public and administrative access claims to sections 7, 8 and 10 in Sweetgrass drainage. Relinquishing these claims sets a dangerous precedent for access disputes and gets ahead of litigation that is currently under appeal.