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Comments: I share the USFS goal of solving public access issues in the east Crazy Mountains; HOWEVER only through a transparent, fair, and balanced exchange, where the public retains productive, protected, and accessible public lands, waters, and wildlife habitat. Unfortunately this proposed exchange falls far short of those reasonable requirements of any federal exchange.

I therefore strongly oppose this land swap as proposed by the USFS.

The proposal is severely imbalanced in favor of the private parties:

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.

Please negotiate a substantially better deal for the public before proceeding with land swaps involving the Crazy Mountains - a range that already suffers from limited public access and hunting and recreation opportunity.