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Comments: I am strongly opposed to the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange because I think it benefits the interests of private land owners far more than the public. Even though, from an acreage point of view, it looks like the public is coming out with a clear win, the quality of the land itself is what matters and why I think this is a mistake.

Here are more specific reasons why I also think this is a mistake:

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.

Thank you for considering my opinion as an avid public lands user and someone who is deeply invested in the future of them in our state!