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Comments: I strongly oppose this land swap because it goes against every fiber of Montana hunters and anglers. 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 habitats for higher, steeper, less productive habitats.

The public loses hunting and angling opportunities (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, I urge you all to protect Montanan's right to a clean and healthy environment by tabling this land swap.

Thank you,

Nora Rector