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Comments: I used to live in Big Timber Montana and the East Crazies were my go-to stomping grounds. I went there to hunt, fish, ski, hike and trail run. It is truly a remarkable place for the public to explore. This "Land Exchange"is not an exchange at all. The public gets, by far, the short end of the stick. It is crucial, now more than ever, to keep recreation accessible to the public. In rural communities like Big Timber and Harlowtown MT it is already hard enough to access fresh produce and mental health attention (I speak from experience); getting exercise and fresh air shouldn't be made harder to access either. This "Land Exchange" is by far a Land Loss for the public. The public loses more water rights than it gains, loses miles of fishable streams, and loses recreation land access opportunity. If our priority is people over profit, as it should be, then the answer is clear. This proposal is incredibly unbalanced and it is crucial it does not get passed.