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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed "East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange."

I spent many years of my life involved in wildlife management issues both as a BLM wildlife biologist and later as a private citizen. I understand the many challenges in finding solutions that satisfy all the parties affected in resource management decisions.

I believe that the proposed land exchange is not in the interest of the general recreating public. The exchange would trade lower elevation and thus more productive wildlife habitat for higher elevation, less productive wildlife habitat. The exchange would reduce access for hunting and fishing.

The loss of two trails that have provided hunting access for many years further limits recreation access. The loss of four administrative roads further reduces access.

I understand that there is likely no proposal that will fully satisfy all parties but the current proposal is seriously flawed and should be amended to reduce the impact of reduced access to the recreating public.

Sincerely,
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