

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 12/12/2022 6:39:25 PM

First name: Ronald

Last name: June

Organization:

Title:

Comments: To whom it may concern,

I write in regards to the proposed East Crazies land swap (#63115). First, I applaud the efforts to reduce checkerboarding--thank you.

My background is as a year-long recreationalist in southwest Montana. In the fall I hunt archery and rifle. In the winter I ski and snowshoe. In the spring and summer I hike, pack, and camp. I'm grateful for these opportunities that our public lands provide.

As such, I study maps frequently and understand the challenges of public/private boundaries in the Crazies.

My concerns with the proposed swap are:

- loss of trailheads and access points for public users, including Sweet Grass Trail. SGT is very useful for hunters in the fall.
- replacement of high-value lowland habitat with lower-value high elevation habitat
- loss of public mineral and timber rights
- loss of public water rights

Looking at this in detail it appears that the swap is imbalanced with the public losing more than it is gaining. As such I oppose this swap.

Thank you,

Ron June

-