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Comments: As a retired civil engineer with more than 30 years in environmental restoration projects, I agree with the assessment on the East Crazies Land Swap provided by the Montana Chapter of Hunters & Anglers. The biggest factor that is not addressed in these types of actions is what comes first - the proposed new trails and land improvements or the opening of areas for logging and mining. My experience is that generation of revenue is much more important to those proposing a land trade. This impacts the environmental protections proposed in the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA). Delays and in some cases abandonment of proposed environmental protections can cause irreversible harm. Additionally, one must remember that the main emphasis of the Yellowstone Club is not to preserve nature but to generate income. I therefore urge the Forest Service to reject this proposed land trade.

Thank you for your time in reading my opinion.