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Comments: I object to the proposed land swap on the eastern crazy mountains. It seems like the public is getting the worse end of the deal. There is plenty of high elevation access currently and it is marginal elk habitat, particularly on years with early snowfall the elk will concentrate on the lower elevation sections of land that will end up private if this deal goes through. Public access to wildlife is disappearing every year and this is yet another example of the average public land hunter getting screwed. I feel that the new trial will only further existing problems with overcrowding and hunter dissatisfaction. It seems to me that the best deer and elk habitat will be made private and only be able to be accessed by those who pay for the privilege via an outfitter. In my view the best option is to keep the existing easements and improve upon them. If existing private landowners have a problem with it, take them to court. It belongs to the public, plain and simple, keep it that way.