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Comments: These land swaps are never designed to benefit the public or increase public access. I have lived in Montana my entire life (47 years) and I must have lived under a rock because until a few years ago I never knew this was an option that Montana Public lands could be traded for private lands. I never even knew that our publicly elected officials could broker or support these deals. I have been hunting, fishing, and recreating on public lands ever since I can remember. When I moved to Bozeman I started mountain biking (I only hunt near my home town because finding access to public lands around Bozeman that were easy to access, was very difficult). I used to bike from Fairy Lake to Brackett, then some land swap took away that access and drastically changed the trail. We used to shoot rifles in the same area and can no longer do that. I went up Olson Creek a couple of summer ago and found another land swap had removed access to another place we shot rifles and went mountain biking. I personally don't think any of these land swaps are in the best interest of the public, they only line the pockets of the rich and our corrupt politicians. We need to make a stand and tell them this is not right, quit trading away our public land for areas that are blocked or inaccessible most of the time. I personally have never been to the area in this particular land swap, but have coworkers and friends that use it. They are against it and I trust them far more that I trust these rich landowners that work with corrupt politicians. Therefore I am against this land swap and ask Senator Daines (whom I voted for, sorry) to not support these land swaps.