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Comments: I oppose the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange (#63115) for numerous reasons:

There will be a net loss of public recreation opportunities (including important and historic trails), and it will reduce existing public access points to the Crazies, not to mention eliminating existing hunting and fishing opportunities (miles of fishable streams!). The PEA also doesn't disclose the land or timber value that we, the public, would lose.

In addition, we (the public) would also lose ~40 acres of wetlands, and water rights; we would lose most of our mineral rights; and there is no guarantee the landowners won't develop this land at a future date.

The PEA also forgoes any requirements for conservation easements on public lands traded into private ownership - something that has been included in previous land exchanges.

And because there would also be a loss of future access opportunities (corner crossing), this agreement would also set a horrible precedent for public land access disputes.

The list goes on ...

But here are a few suggestions for the Forest Service: Separate the Big Sky/Inspiration Divide portion from the Crazy Mountain exchange. These two areas should be separate because together they are too large for a single Environmental Assessment.

And because The Crazy Mountains are native lands, all regional Indigenous nations that identify as being connected, including but not limited to the Crow, Salish, Cheyenne, Sioux, and Blackfeet, should be consulted.

Thank you.