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Comments: While I appreciate all the work of volunteers and USFS employees in designing the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange I can not support this land swap. The loss of mineral rights and access are too great for the public to accept this exchange as it is currently written.

In this exchange, 100% of the federally owned mineral rights would be transferred to the non-federal parties, and only 18% of non-federal mineral rights would be transferred to federal ownership in return. This would lead to a significant imbalance of monetary value and property rights, with the public getting the short end of the stick on both.

As proposed, a new 22-mile East Trunk Trail would be constructed with only one access point from the south. This new route would not only eliminate a separate, existing public access point but would severely alter the nature of and use of the trail for compatible recreational opportunities. For the public to enjoy previously accessed property from the northern route, the public would need to hike at least 11 miles. This distance, in conjunction with a single access point, renders previous hunting, fishing or day-hike opportunities inaccessible; it would shift historical recreation use of the area.

These are just a few of the reasons why this land swap is poorly designed, please don't accept it as currently written.