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Comments: I appreciate good faith efforts of the USFS, various conservation groups, and private landowners to resolve land-use conflicts. I've done my best to educate myself on this issue, but, frankly, this situation, to me at least, seems fairly complex.

After reviewing the PEA and various other resources, I object to this land swap as it is currently proposed:

1) As I understand it, the right to pursue a future Sweet Grass Road easement are forfeit.

2) Conservation easements are not included on the lands set to change from Federal to private. This is a 100% non-starter for me. Conservation easements are the best way to secure durable future access and stave off "mountain mansion" developments in the lands to be acquired by private parties. I will never support a proposal that does not include protections in the form of easements
Note: I appreciate the inclusion of an easement on section 7, to allow continued access to Crazy Peak.

3) I would like to see some deed restrictions on the land being transferred from public to private - this would go a long way to ensuring that the traded lands remain as intact as possible (in addition to conservation easements).

I appreciate you taking the time to review my objection.