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Comments: I fully appreciate the complexity of the issues and the access challenges presented in the Crazy Mountains; however, this proposal is inadequate and would lead to a significant loss to the public that far outweighs anything gained.
The Preliminary Environment Assessment (PEA) is faulty for this project and those issue I am most concerned about are:
1) The PEA does not disclose the monetary value of land exchanged.
2) There are more alternatives for the land exchange that could be evaluated, especially at the PEA stage, and should be considered. It is typical to evaluate the effectiveness, implementability and cost of various alternatives but there is no yardstick without other alternatives.
3) How are the Yellowstone Club's interest in the Gallatin related to the Crazy Mountains? I can see no connection other than money and potential gain in the Gallatin by the Yellowstone Club. The PEA should consider one or more alternatives that do NOT rely on any exchanges in the Gallatin Range but land purchases/transfers only in the Crazy Range.
4) Sweet Grass Creek and its trail are important from a historical prospective and eliminating access would preclude historical access opportunities for hunting and angling.
5) The public forever loses rightful claim up Sweet Grass Creek Road and Trail #122.
Thank you for considering my comments in your evaluation process.
Best regards,
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