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Comments: As a hunter and recreationalist, I strongly object to the land swap proposed by the Crazy Mountain Access Project. While checkerboarded and fractured public lands present a barrier to public enjoyment of the lands and waters we collectively own and steward, a massive giveaway of these lands to absurdly wealthy landowners isn't the solution. Why would the Forest Service reward landowners who illegally blocked prescriptive easements rather than doing its duty to fight to maintain those public easements as Congress intended?

Landowners gain immeasurably more than the public by this proposed swap- more stream miles, more water rights, more wetlands, and more access to game animals maintained in the public trust by the state of Montana for the benefits of all its residents (and out of state hunters like me when we have the opportunity. Maintain the current lands in public owners, fight to maintain the prescriptive easements as you are legally required to do, and stop rewarding illegal activity on the part of wealthy property owners. Members of the Yellowstone Club can go pout in their very wealthy corner- there's no way I'll ever support giving them public lands or letting them illegally block my access to those lands.