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Comments: I am strongly opposed to the Custer-Gallatin National Forests' proposed East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange. The proposed action is not in the public interest because it abandons traditional public access to National Forest System lands, fishable streams, and hunting opportunities. The proposal would result in a net loss of public water rights that are essential to maintaining fisheries and other beneficial uses. The proposal would give away 100% of mineral rights but only receive 18% in return. The proposal gives away two important trails and four roads in exchange for one trail. The proposal fails to require deed restrictions and/or conservation easement on public lands traded away. As a result of these one-sided characteristics, the proposed land exchange is not in the public interest. The Forest Service must reject the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange as currently proposed.