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Comments: I strongly oppose the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange #63115 as proposed by the Forest Service, and urge you to proceed with Alternative A - No Action at this time.

The proposed exchange fails to meet the public interest on many levels, as it would result in a reduction of existing public access points to the Crazy Mountains; loss of existing public hunting and fishing opportunities in a landscape where these public values are crucial; the loss of crucial lower-elevation terrain; a major net loss of public wetland habitat; and relinquishing numerous long-standing access rights without making a concerted effort to secure these rights for the public.

The loss of the Sweet Grass Trail is particularly egregious - the proposed single-access point East Trunk Trail does not in any way constitute an effective substitute.

Also, why is the Forest Service proposing to give up mineral rights to the effect that most of the surface ownership to be acquired by the FS could be compromised at any time, to the incredible detriment of the entire Crazy Mountain landscape?

The environmental analysis withholds key financial information about land, timber, water right and mineral right values - this is a glaring omission that again compromises the public interest and raises major questions about the integrity of the process and the proposal.

The Forest Service must drop this deal. If the private proponents still want their land exchange, the Forest Service must enter future negotiations with the goal of serving the public interest and with the will to develop a proposal that addresses and resolves the objections cited above.