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Comments: I first became intrigued with the Crazy Mountains in a UCLA Geology class in 1978. The Big Timber Stock is one of the largest igneous intrusions in the US, and forms the bedrock of the Crazies. Because the intrusion took so long to cool (being buried) many large areas of crystallization occurred, making the Crazies a fabulous example of geologic processes, and a favorite for rockhounding expeditions. I graduated from UCLA with a degree in Conservation and Analysis of Ecosystems and am very familiar with the details of the National Environmental Policy Act, under which your East Crazies project falls, and I am CERTAIN that your analysis DOES NOT COME CLOSE to meeting the requirements of NEPA. Additionally, you have the audacity to ask us to comment on the details of a very large project, which you admit in many sections you have not provided, or even studied. The Crazy Mountains have been considered for a national park, wilderness status, and other protections a number of times, and their importance to Native Americans is well established. An undertaking of this nature requires a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of ALL impacts to the natural/ecological environment, the social environment, the economic environment, etc. (as spelled out in NEPA), along with the legally required public comment periods. In addition, this project needs to be in compliance with the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act. While meeting the legal requirements of the above Laws, you also need to address the many existing Prescriptive Easements, even if you consider them difficult to navigate. If you don't, you will spend years in court. P.S. "Permissive Access" is a hoax, and is a way for landowners/outfitters to lock out the public during hunting season.