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Comments: One of the great aspects of living in Montana is our public lands. As I have traveled across other parts of our country, I have become more aware of how fortunate we are to have the breadth of public land available for all of us to experience and enjoy. It is imperative that our tradition of preserving public land and access is protected so that we, along with future generations, continue to have the opportunity to experience and enjoy what this state has to offer. Unfortunately, the proposed "East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange" goes against this tradition.

I am strongly against this unequitable land exchange. Anyone who believes in securing our ability to enjoy these amazing places and guaranteeing that access is not eroded should also be opposed. Many individuals have already submitted detailed comments describing why this is not an equitable exchange of land. Doing nothing is better than this option. Greater consideration for the public's interest and resources should be made rather than an option that benefits a few. This land exchange would set a dangerous precedent. Once access is gone, it may be gone forever. Blocking century old trails from public use should not be rewarded.

This land exchange should not go forward if we want to uphold public access to some of the most beautiful places in Montana.