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Comments: The Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers Association fully supports the Crazy Mountain Access Project. Not only does the proposed land exchange provide middle-ground conflict resolution for both landowners and the public, it will also has great potential for positive local economic impact to the entire community due to increased public access in the area. Access has been a long standing problem in the Crazy Mountains, and one that is in dire need of a solution. This exchange provides that solution and is the result of tireless commitment from a wide range of groups and individuals representing all sides of the access issue. In addition to providing increased and permanent access to the existing public land in the Crazies it will also result in a net addition of 1600 acres of public land, which is an incredible benefit to the public. We see it as a rare example of a genuine win-win situation for all parties, including all taxpayers, as the costs of construction on a 22 mile trail to create a loop trail and access the newly acquired public parcels will be entirely privately funded. It is uncommon to see a public proposal that so effectively achieves such a wide range of goals with so many positive consequences, and it would be a shame to let such an opportunity for public benefit pass us by.