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Comments: Thank you so much for taking on such a large, complicated project. And thank you for considering all the various stakeholders in this exchange and for involving the public in this way.

I am excited that this land exchange helps consolidate the public lands in the Crazies. Having more continuity on the landscape will help alleviate the ever-present access issues and help protect and conserve these incredible resources.

However, as we move forward with this exchange, there are a couple of items I'd like to see addressed:

-Can you guarantee conservation easements or deed restrictions to protect the soon-to-be private land from development? It seems like there are some key wetlands, elk habitat, and cultural sites on the proposed private land, and it seems tenuous to exchange those without any guarantee of future protection.

-Can you provide more clarity and certainty around the public access on Sweetgrass Road and Trail and Rein Lane? Seeing as access points to the Crazies are rare and conflict between the public and private landowners can escalate quickly, it seems important to protect this historic access point.

-Can you continue to involve the public in this process moving forward, especially after a larger environmental analysis has been done? It would be nice to have the opportunity to comment again once we have more information about the potential impact of this exchange.

Thank you so much.