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Comments: It is clear that the Land Exchange Proposals have involved many hours of thoughtful discourse rife with many challenges along the way, mountains of research, compiling, editing, cost and time away from family for many individuals and organizations passionate about finding a viable solution that will accommodate the need for public access for hunting and recreation, the need to preserve private property rights and resources and the need for historical, cultural and spiritual preservation for the Crow and other tribes. As complex as this has been to arrive at the current proposal, and I give thanks and kudos to all involved, what is being presented for public comment now seems like a good first draft with a need for more fine tuning.

My personal objective in commenting is regarding my concern/questions over the following:

Table I-3. Forest Access Objectives
East Crazies TPA - Crazy Mountains
A1 YES
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Acquire road access to the NF boundary in the American Fork area.
Acquire road access to the NF boundary and across checkerboard private in-holdings in the Sweetgrass area.
Acquire road access to the NF boundary and across checkerboard private in-holdings in the Swamp Creek area.
Acquire road access to the NF boundary and across checkerboard private in-holdings in the southeast portion of the Crazies between Big Timber Canyon and Rock Creek.

Because I live on Swamp Creek Road, I am curious to know why we are included as a need for access, when no new trails or land exchanges have been proposed in our area. I am relatively confident that the Crow Tribe has identified Swamp Lake and surrounding peaks as inclusive to their identified Area of Tribal Importance. In years past, Arne Grosfield allowed pretty much everyone who asked permission, to have access over his holdings to the East of Swamp Lake. Now that those lands are owned by out-of-state corporations, I am unsure of the status of access currently or in the future to the historically well-used Swamp Lake area, which does not connect to any of the proposed trail systems to the north of us or the new Southern Crazy Mountain Land Exchange. How this is related to the current proposal is of great interest to our family and neighboring landowners in this drainage as well as how the current East Crazy Mountain proposal will set any precedent for what might happen on Swamp Creek in the future.

I would appreciate anyone in the know reaching out to educate our family on the connection of our area to the current proposal and why our road was included as a need for access. Thank you.