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Comments: I oppose this land swap as proposed. I join every significant conservation organization in the state and everyday Montanans from all corners in opposing this swap on behalf of myself and my two daughters. The proposal fails to meet it's stated objectives and overwhelmingly harms the public interest in both the short and long term.

It is dishonest to promote the benefits of more acreage and consolidation when you know full well that the public does not receive mineral rights on the majority of the new public lands meaning that the mineral right is free to mine this newly public land in the future. It also is inappropriate to link the land in the Crazies to the land near Big Sky. It is worth noting that a huge number of proponents in this room only think this swap applies to the Big Sky area.

It is also dishonest to promote the increased acreage without providing an analysis of the value of the acreage the public is giving up as opposed to receiving. It saddens me to see the USFS abandon the public in favor of the well-connected. Montana deserves better.