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Comments: I've spent time in this part of the Crazy Mountains most summers in the last two decades. I've enjoyed hiking, horseback riding, and taking photos throughout the area. I've thoroughly enjoyed exploring all the wonderful terrain and views that are offered.

My enjoyment has been facilitated by having good relationships with the many private land owners in the area. However, without my connections to the land owners however my options would have been much more limited.

The proposed solution providing clear contiguous public lands significantly eases the ability of myself and others to enjoy the great landscape without worrying about precisely where on any given trail they are and whether they are trespassing.

The new contiguous properties for the private landowners will facilitate their operations and avoid conflicts relating to required crossing of public lands to access the private lands. By decreasing the complexity of the property lines it will also significantly decrease the incidences of unintended trespassing by public users onto private lands as well.

The checkerboard pattern overall was created without thinking about planned stewardship of the land into the future. Its legacy creates a lot of conflicts. This is a step to resolve those conflicts in this area for the better for all parties involved.

With the above reasons I strongly support this proposed solution. I believe that it will improve the experience of the public with fully public trail networks, and large contiguous federally preserved areas.