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I am writing to oppose the Crazy Mt land swap.

This proposal is missing the dollar value of the land without which the conclusion is specious.

I have serious concerns about how the dollar values of the lands in this swap have been calculated. The Federal Lands Policy and Management Act requires that land exchanges swap lands of equal value, but this preliminary environmental assessment does not include the assessed land values. In the current Montana land rush, the dollar value of waterfront property along a trout stream like Sweet Grass is approaching infinity.

This proposal hurts public access to Sweet Grass Creek

Sweet Grass Trail #122 has long been a public trail marked on Forest Service maps. It has been maintained with public money and been subject to well-documented public use. However, like on several other trails in the Crazy Mountains, landowners have in recent years tried to obstruct public use of the trail. Two of the landowners who obstruct the trail hold outfitter licenses to operate on the public and private lands that the trail accesses and stand to gain financially by choking off public access and creating more exclusive use of this land. One of the outfitter-landowners sells guided elk hunts in the area for \$5,550 each.

This proposal would abandon the public claim to Sweet Grass Trail #122 and forever relinquish the Sweet Grass canyon access point in the Crazy Mountains. Proponents argue that this proposal "resolves" public access disputes by establishing a new trail that would contour from Big Timber canyon 22 miles north to Sweet Grass Creek. But the public already has an unobstructed 20-mile route to Sweet Grass-from Porcupine or Trespass Creek on the other side of the range

What is at stake here is nothing less than whether this experience on Sweet Grass will be open to all of us or become another exclusive experience for the ultra-wealthy.

Please stop this swap.