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Comments: I am a longtime hiker in the Crazy Mountains. I have crossed the range several times on foot and have also backpacked and camped in the high country of the range. There is no place anywhere as special as the Crazies for quiet recreation.

I have read the East Crazy Inspiration Land Exchange proposal. It is very good in that it consolidates public land. However, I ask that the Forest Service require that public lands going into private ownership have conservation easements placed on them that forbid future development. This will protect these wild lands and their valuable wildlife habitat. Such easements were required in the South Crazies Land Exchange.

Further, I ask the Forest Service to require that public access be retained in the Sweetgrass drainage, sections 7, 8 and 10. This needs to be done to enable public recreation to continue there and to avoid a bad precedent for other areas of the Crazies going forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.