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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange #63115. I am writing to oppose this exchange. In its existing form, I believe this exchange does not adequately consider public access in the Big Sky/Bozeman area and fails to require any easements on exchange parcels in the Crazy Mountains leaving them vulnerable to future development.

High-end real estate development in the Big Sky area has narrowed access to public lands. Thus, any exchange should provide something of equal value to the public, not simply land that already has a public access easement. Regarding parcels up for exchange in the Crazies, currently public parcels should be placed under easement as part of any exchange process to ensure that the conservation value of such lands is retained. Once public land is private, landowners and corporations have no legal obligation to assurances proposed in the exchange process unless they are sealed in an easement.

A more comprehensive explanation of these concerns is articulated in comments submitted by Elise Lodge Otto.

Thank you for your consideration.