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Comments: I oppose the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange. There are instances where land exchanges make sense and can be a win win for both parties depending on the details and circumstances surrounding the exchange. After becoming familiar with some particular points regarding this land exchange it is apparent that this deal will result in a net loss of opportunities for the public while benefiting only a certain private few. This is concerning for many reasons and to add insult to injury the PEA doesn't disclose vital monetary valuations for what is being exchanged and what the values associated with said exchanged rights, timberlands, and wetlands are. If the public is taking a loss on this deal they are entitled to know the extent of that loss which the PEA fails to provide. The valuation of timberlands, mineral rights, water rights, wetlands, recreation opportunities and so on should be clearly stated and outlined so the people can understand and clearly see what they are bargaining for. There is a lack of transparency surrounding this exchange, coupled with the obvious and unfortunate but very real loss to the public and their ability to continue utilizing a resource that has traditionally been available to them. This exchange will serve as a benchmark for future deals that disregard and devalue the public and their opportunities in favor of a few private interests. If we continue to exchange land like is outlined in the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange, the public will eventually have nothing left of value to exchange due to losing it all in seedy, obscure exchanges like this one which I oppose.