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Comments: Thank you for opening this issue to public comment and we appreciate the ability to discuss the land swap issue. I would like to comment that I am not in favor of the land swap proposed by the Forest Service and private inholdings in the Crazy Mountains. Public access to the eastern side of the Crazy Mountains would be substantially decreased with this trade, limiting one of the primary access points on that side of the range. I do appreciate that it would consolidate the area in the upper Crazy Mountains, but I do not believe that the high alpine talus gained in the trade is worth limiting public access in the method proposed. Clarification of public and private land in the Crazy's has long been an issue and I do think that the efforts have been well-placed to improve that communication, but this particular land exchange creates too much of a limitation to the Sweetgrass Creek area (an area with many public land users) without much gain in public access to the alpine in the Crazy's (an area very few public land users visit).