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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this exchange. I oppose the East Crazy Land Exchange.

I cannot see how the sections proposed in the exchange could be construed as having equal value. The land that would be obtained by the public supports less ecological diversity and results in significantly diminished access for hunters and fisherman. The trail accessing this landscape will benefit only the most able-bodied individuals and will restrict access to those who are unable to trek 20+ miles to access more challenging terrain. The lower elevation land would also be much more amenable to development in the future which could have long-term unforeseen repercussions on the value of the entire range.

The East Crazies and Inspiration Divide should not be part of the same proposal. As evidenced by many comments made to date, there are clearly very different groups representing these two areas with knowledge and opinions pertaining primarily to one location or the other. There is no apparent reason these two areas should be combined into one swap aside from the Yellowstone Club's involvement.

We should have resolution of the "corner crossing" debate prior to moving forward with such a proposal and not operate under the assumption that the public will never again be able to access these sections.

Moving forward with a swap that results in benefits to a few private landowners and restricts access in any way to the public is a troubling thought and sets a dangerous precedent for other similar proposals in the future. I encourage taking No Action at this time over the alternative.