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Comments: I am absolutely against any measures, laws, policies, amendments, etc that try to take away Montanans access to waterways and public lands. As a woman who was raised hunting and fishing in Montana and the Dakotas, and raised my daughter the same way in Montana, I know the value of public land access. The Sweet Grass Trail allows access to other trails and IS used. I know a lot of fellow hunters and fishers who access public lands in the East Crazy Mtns.

I vehemently oppose any kind of land swap or water rights swap where the valuations are not disclosed. Transparency is key for governmental agencies gaining my trust on any type of proposals, but especially proposals where money is involved because governmental agencies have proven time and time again they cannot be trusted to transact with integrity, especially when using taxpayer money and/or public lands as currency.

All of these rich out-of-state folk who keep moving in, buying land and then trying to close it off to Montanans who have responsibly conserved it for generations. This is NOT the Montana way. We are a conservative state with strong values and you're trying to sell it to the highest bidder. That's a bunch of BS! I am not opposed to these people buying land (it sucks for many ranchers who have gone out of business due to increased tax valuation of the land due to it, but I understand they have the right to buy property.) I don't want these people buying land and then not allowing Montanans to access public lands adjacent to it.

I oppose losing public right of way on the Sweet Grass Trail. I vote. And I'm a loud, bossy, Montana woman and you can bet your bottom I will talk about this to every single outdoorsy person I come across.