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Comments: I attended the presentation that took place in Bozeman at the Baxter Commons several weeks ago. Over the last few years I have tried to stay up to date on this topic because it feels very close to my values and interests. I have worked for the Yellowstone Club for 10 years. To be straightforward, I do not think this land exchange is beneficial enough to the public land owners. I do think consolidating some of the squares in the Crazies would be convenient however I worry about giving private owners the more accessible lower lands that are currently state land.

The land in the Eglise Rock region that Yellowstone Club wishes to obtain will be developed for skiing terrain.

This isn't something that came up in the presentation, but I've worked for Yellowstone Club for 10 years in mountain operations and this is the common knowledge goal. I worry that in developing this terrain, native ungulate species like resident mule deer, elk, and mountain goats will be pushed into other areas due to human pressures.

I have spent a ton of time trail running, backcountry skiing, and archery hunting in the Crazy Mountains. I just can't help but think this deal just isn't enough. I would like to see the public get better access points, not just new trail systems. I would also like to see some of the lower lying lands on the eastern Crazies stay as state or national forest land.