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Comments: I am writing this comment in favor of the land exchange. Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp has been an integral part of my family's life for the past 20 years. My, now college age, children have enjoyed being campers and eventually have worked for the Camp on staff. When thinking about the many uses of the national forest I can't think of a better use of the Forest than for entities like RTALC to be allowed to go through the arduous land exchange process to allow the Forest to be turned into a private resource for the local, state and national community. As well, in this particular case the land that is being exchanged has a long history of significance to the nature in the area and the ability to fold it into the national forest will be an asset for the local community and tourists to engage in real wilderness experiences. While change can bring uncertainty to many, having been involved with the organization for a long time, I know that RTALC will always consider the greater good in the decisions it makes within in its site and already has considered a long term plan that will enable all interests to be benefitted. I am hopeful that the new private to public parcel and the natural environments that it will provide relating to critical Mexican Spotted Owl habitat and headwaters of Newland Creek will benefit all involved. It seems to me that the federal land exchange process was created for the exact situation that RTALC has endeavored to create here. I am hopeful that the exchange will be approved as quickly as possible and those that have objection to the exchange can be given the opportunity to air their grievances but also help in making it a better process for all.