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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to comment on the proposed land exchange with the National Forest Service and Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp whereby the National Forest would receive the land designated around Locke Mountain, and Rainbow Trail would formally receive the land they have existed on for over 60 years.

This is a clear win-win. The Forest Service, and therefore all those who enjoy National Service land, would receive prime undeveloped forest land to be used in the best possible ways for the American public. While the National Forest could at any time reclaim its right to the property the camp currently rests on, a far better option is to receive land that completes a hole in its current land that is undeveloped and unspoiled and can much easier be put to use for the good of public.

The camp, Rainbow Trail, would then be able to move forward in its mission and ministry which also benefits the public in many tremendous ways, being a ministry that serves young people without restriction and has done so for decades. Annually the camp serves thousands of people, and this exchange would ensure that that continues far into the future, for generations to come.

In the interests of full disclosure, I am a longtime supporter of Rainbow Trail, having been connected since 1981. Yes, this makes me biased to the camp's interests, but it does not make me blind to the benefits all around. I certainly hope that the choice is obvious to grant this land exchange.

Sincerely,
Jared M Parker