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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my full support for the Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp (RTLCL)/Locke Park land exchange proposal. I believe the exchange is a win-win and benefits users of both land parcels in similar ways. In the case of the non-Federal Locke Park parcel, the exchange would provide long-term security and safety for the animals whose habitat is located there such as Canada lynx, cutthroat trout and Mexican spotted owl.

Similarly, the land exchange will increase long-term security and safety for the RTLCL community of campers, staff and supporters. I have been involved with Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp since 1995 when I spent my first week there as a camper at the age of ten. Since then I have been a camper, maintenance volunteer, summer staff member, summer director, full-time assistant director living on-site, family camper, I met my husband there and now our children are campers there. The RTLCL/Locke Park exchange will ensure that my children and their children can experience the same longevity of connection to the RTLCL community and camp itself as I have. As a parent I think the ability of RTLCL staff to limit who can access the site is very important and will provide more security to my children when they are campers there.

The RTLCL/Locke Park exchange would increase efficiency in management for both groups involved by closing a "hole" in the forest and eliminating the possibility of future development or special use permits on the non-Federal Locke Park parcel. It would also eliminate the need to manage a special use permit on the RTLCL side.

It is for these reasons and many more that I fully support the proposed RTLCL/Locke Park land exchange. Thank you for your time and consideration!

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