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Comments: The proposed land exchange in the crazies is still inadequate. The easements included in the the new proposal are inadequate to stop the type of development that is happening in Big Sky, because that type of development does not require subdivision beyond the 160-acre parcel size. The responsibility is transferred to county-level zoning regulations and covenants, which are ineffective in preventing ultra-luxury resort-style development in the foothills to the Crazies. The public deserves stronger easements and better public access in the Crazies before the forest service gives away our public lands. Notably, this exchange is opposed by every public lands-focused conservation organization in Montana: this exchange is not good enough and requires significant changes to be acceptable.