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Comments: Good Afternoon:

I am writing to object to proposed the Willow Creek/Mary Jane land exchange by the USFS. The land exchange that the USFS is proposing to trade near the base of the Mary Jane Ski Area is an extremely valuable piece of property given the development potential of this property adjoining the ski area. Given the value of this property far exceeds the property the USFS would receive in exchange for this property. Moreover, this land exchange should not proceed based upon environmental grounds. The area around the ski area has already been overdeveloped, despite the fact that it is wildlife habitat and has nearby wetland areas. The USFS should not be undertaking actions like this that would result in even more development in this area. These type of USFS holdings should be retained by the USFS to provide some additional wildlife habitat, to leave some areas with undeveloped natural scenic beauty and to ensure this area with the Forest does not become massively overdeveloped. This is public land and should remain so. This exchange simply is not good policy, it not justified, and is not in the public interest. Thank you for considering my concerns.