

LEGAL NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

USDA FOREST SERVICE

**CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST, BOZEMAN AND YELLOWSTONE
RANGER DISTRICTS**

EAST CRAZY INSPIRATION DIVIDE LAND EXCHANGE

The USDA Forest Service has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact (DN/FONSI) for the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange. The proposed action is to be located on the Bozeman and Yellowstone Ranger Districts of the Custer Gallatin National Forest in Madison, Sweet Grass and Park Counties. A portion of the project will occur in the Inspiration Divide area near Big Sky, Montana, and a portion will occur in the east Crazy Mountains near Melville, Montana. The Responsible Official for this decision is Forest Supervisor Mary Erickson.

The Responsible Official is planning to implement Alternative 1. Alternative 1 is designed to consolidate ownership and improve public access in the east Crazy Mountains, and consists of: the exchange of 3,855 acres of federal land and associated interests for 6,110 acres of non-federal land and associated interests, the construction or relocation of trails and the improvement of the Big Timber Canyon trailhead.

The EA and draft DN/FONSI for the East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange are available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/custergallatin/?project=63115>. Additional information can be obtained from project team leader Amanda Williams, at amanda.williams3@usda.gov or at 406-823-6982.

The East Crazy Inspiration Divide Land Exchange is an activity implementing a land management plan. This activity is subject to pre-decisional objection under subparts A and B of 36 CFR Part 218.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed with the appropriate reviewing officer within 45 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, the newspaper of record. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Objectors should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR 218.9.

Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunities for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless the issue is based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in 36 CFR 218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR 218.8(b). Objections that do not adhere to these requirements make review of an objection difficult and are conditions under which the reviewing officer may set aside an objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218.10. All objections received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of

those who object, will be considered part of the public record on these proposed actions and will be available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

Electronic objections are preferred and must be submitted to the Objection Reviewing Officer online at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=63115>. Electronic submissions must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software (e.g., Word, PDF, Rich Text) and be searchable. An automated response should confirm your electronic objection has been received.

Written objections may be submitted via regular mail to: Reviewing Officer, Northern Regional Office, Attn: ECID, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804.

Objections sent by private carrier or hand delivery must be addressed to: Reviewing Officer, Northern Regional Office, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm, excluding Federal holidays, for hand delivery.

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