

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**FOREST SERVICE**  
Land Exchange Notice

Proposed Red Lodge Mountain Land Exchange AG/JMA Red Lodge Realty Holdings, L.L.C., owners of Red Lodge Mountain Ski Resort, and the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, are considering an exchange of lands of approximately equal value under authority of the Act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 465, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 485, 486); the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2743; 43 U.S.C. 1715-1717) and the Act of August 20, 1988 (102 Stat. 1086; 43 U.S.C. 1716 (note), 751 (note)).

The lands considered for exchange are located within the Custer Gallatin National Forest in Carbon County, Montana. The Federal lands are described as: P.M.M., T.7 S., R. 19 E., Section 26: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Section 25: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, consisting of 250.23 total acres, more or less. The Non-federal lands are described as: P.M.M., T. 7 S., R.19 E., Section 22: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Section 26: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Section 27: E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; and Section 35: NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, consisting of 382.45 total acres, more or less.

The proposed exchange would consolidate ownership of intermingled AG/JMA and national forest system lands. Also, AG/JMA would grant permanent easements to the U.S. to enhance public recreation use on three national forest system trails. The Forest Service is analyzing this proposal under applicable laws, regulations and policies. A decision to complete the exchange will be based on overall public interest.

The Federal lands have been segregated from appropriation under the mineral laws and public land laws. In the exchange, the U.S. would acquire approximately 7.2 acres of floodplain/wetland area and convey approximately 11.4 acres of floodplain/wetland area.

Persons claiming any right, title or interest in the Federal lands or Non-federal lands; those having objections to the exchange; those wishing to submit written comments; or those wishing to obtain more information about this exchange proposal should contact: Traute Parrie, Beartooth Ranger District, 6811 Hwy 212 South, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

**Written comments must be received at the above address no later than forty-five (45) days following the initial date of publication.** Publication dates: February 6, February 13, February 20 and February 27, 2015.