



# *Kinnickinnick Native Plant Society*

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Re: Proposed M3-BLM land exchange

Dear Rep. Minnick,

### **Treasurer**

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The Kinnickinnick Native Plant Society is an active and larger group (150+ members) based in the northern two counties of Idaho, where it educates about the benefits of native plants, works to identify and protect sensitive plant populations and engages the public and institutions in the support of our native flora, from small to forest sized.

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We have learned that a land exchange is proposed between BLM in our area and land owned by private corporations in the Boise foothills. We do not know enough about this proposed exchange to comment on its merits. Likely, nobody knows enough at this point. The proposed BLM lands in N. Idaho have not been surveyed, valued and studied for their botanic and wildlife importance. Much BLM land up here (about 60,000 acres) has already been traded away.

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It is said that you may be preparing a legislative approach to this proposed land exchange. We strongly encourage you to allow negotiations to proceed through the regular NEPA process for land exchanges, with an EIS and full public study and comment. That would ensure that we know what is being gained and lost and that any important native plant populations are protected.

### **Founder**

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Thank you,

Molly O'Reilly  
Conservation Committee Chair

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