From: Davis, Mary - FS
To: [redacted]"
Subject: RE: Pike Target Shooting questions/clarification
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:06:00 AM
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Dear Mr. Sobal,

Thank you for your interest in the Integrated Management of Target Shooting project.

A folder titled "GISData" has been added to the project website, which contains project shapefiles: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57807
We also added a pdf ("IMTSHighVisTrails"), which is a list of *high-visibility trails* considered for this proposal.

The Forest is hosting a series of virtual public meetings this week to present the Proposed Action and answer questions. The first is tonight at 5:30. You must register to participate. You can share this link to register: https://cpw-state-co.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gxiYKpWiQyizK0STl0Wkow

This comment period is requested to determine if changes to the proposed action are warranted and to inform the scope of the environmental analysis. The proposed action may be adjusted to reflect the comments received during this scoping period. No decision has been made on this project.

Thank you for your interest in the management of National Forest System lands.

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:04 PM
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Jennifer;
Thank you for repairing the Storymap.

We would still like to request that GIS data be made available to the public for the various areas proposed for closure to dispersed shooting.

It is difficult to discern using the Storymap alone which factors apply to a specific area of land that is shaded in lavender as proposed to closed to dispersed shooting. Many of the factors and proposed areas associated with them listed on page 9 of the proposed action overlap. There is no easy way to tell using the Storymap if a specific area of land is being proposed for shooting closure due to its proximity to a road, stream, trail or any other factor. The public cannot assume that each and every one of the proposed shooting area closures listed on page 9 of the proposed action will be retained as part of the final decision. There is no way to turn certain layers associated with proposed shooting closures on and off on the Storymap.

Thus, we are requesting some way for the public to easily view each separate proposed shooting closure area associated with the various factors individually. GIS data for each layer would accomplish this. Moving forward, GIS data would be extremely useful after a final decision to help the public understand exactly where they are allowed or prohibited to shoot with that data loaded into a GPS unit or on an app. with a cellphone with GPS capability.

We would also like to request a list of what trails are currently being proposed as "highly visible trails". We were able to find some of these using the Storymap, but it is again difficult to determine this due to overlapping proposed closures potentially being applied to the same area.

One glaring error with the Storymap is it fails to account for dispersed shooting area closures for roads, lakes, and trails adjacent to the Pike Forest Boundary on other Forests. For example, long segments of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail exist within 150 and 440 yards of the Pike Forest Boundary (with some of segments on Pike NF land) but there is no shooting closure proposed for that trail. Similarly, the Mt Evans Ridge Trail exists on both AR National Forest Land and Pike NF land. We believe these features must be considered for shooting area closures on Pike NF land, even though they may not specifically be managed by the Pike NF.

We will include that and more as part of the written comments we plan to submit.

Thank You

Tom Sobal
Quiet Use Coalition

On Fri, Jan 8, 2021 at 3:39 PM DeWoody, Jennifer A -FS <jennifer.dewoody@usda.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Sobal,

Thank you for your interest in the Integrated Management of Target Shooting project.

We understand that the StoryMap is not available as intended. The Forest is developing additional maps for public review and anticipates posting to the project website early next week:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57807

The interdisciplinary team considered information about a trail's use levels, adjacent land uses, and access to identify "highly visible trails" for the GIS analysis of areas inappropriate for dispersed target shooting. This comment period is requested to determine if changes to the proposed action are warranted, and to inform the scope of the environmental analysis.

Thank you again for your interest in the management of National Forest System lands,

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Subject: Pike Target Shooting questions/clarification

Ms DeWoody;

We are seeking additional information regarding the Integrated Management of Target Shooting on the Pike National Forest Project.

When we try to access the Arcgis StoryMap (link on page 3 of the Proposed action https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/adebf2853f6e43519bfbc26e150750dd)
we receive an error message that states the story does not exist or we do not have permission to view it.

Is it possible to obtain GIS data (shp. or kmz. files) for proposed target shooting closures areas depicted in Figure 4 and proposed designated shooting areas depicted in Figure 3 ?
(Figures from proposed action)
The data for proposed shooting closure areas from Figure 4 is a higher priority.

On page 9 of the Proposed Action, in identifying areas inappropriate for dispersed target shooting , trails appear to be classified as either "highly visible trails" or "other National Forest System Trail'.
Could you please define what a "highly visible trail" is, and how these trails differ from other National Forest System Trails?

We sincerely thank you for your response.

Tom Sobal
Quiet Use Coalition
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