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**Attachments:** PossibleShootingRanges.zip
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ProposedClosureAreas.zip

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**Subject:** RE: Pike NF Target Shooting Project Questions

Dear Mr. McKay,

Please find the shapefiles you requested attached. There is a set for the areas identified to be inappropriate for dispersed target shooting (proposed closures areas) and a set for the proposed locations to be analyzed for target shooting ranges.

This comment period is to scope the potential issues and impacts of the proposed action for the Integrated Management of Target Shooting (IMTS) project. Travel management is not included in the project needs and will not be the focus of the project, although the Forest would consider changes to public motorized access (roads and motorized trails) if deemed necessary to provide access to developed target shooting ranges, for example.

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 final decision resulting from the PSI MVUM Travel Management project (which is still

pending the outcome of the objection resolution process) and comments received during this scoping period.

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

Jenn

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**From:** McKay, Patrick A <[redacted]>
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**Subject:** Pike NF Target Shooting Project Questions

Jennifer,

I am writing with a few questions about the Pike National Forest target shooting management project for which you are listed on the project website as the primary point of contact.

1. Could you please provide shapefiles and more detailed maps on the project website of the proposed prohibited shooting areas? The map provided is way too zoomed out and low detail to be useful, and it is impossible to match the prohibited shooting areas with any topographical features. It would be ideal if the Forest could provide an interactive ArcGIS map as well as shapefiles which could be imported into Google Earth and other GIS applications.

2. Could you clarify if this project will involve any motorized travel management decisions? Right off the bat, I am seeing two glaring contradictions between the proposed shooting areas and the recent decision in the PSI MVUM Analysis process.
    a. One of the proposed shooting ranges is off NFSR 372, which under the draft decision for the travel management process is being closed to the public and being converted to a special use permit road. This road would have to be reopened to public use in order to establish a shooting range there.

b. Another shooting range is proposed off of NFSR 376.A, which the scoping document incorrectly states is closed. This road is open now, and the draft ROD for the travel management process is converting that road to a trail open to all vehicles. The proposed design of this shooting range looks like one of the ranges would be directly on the open motorized trail, and thus appears incompatible with the trail remaining open.

Does the Forest plan to make any travel management decisions with respect to these two roads as part of the target shooting management project? While motorized recreationists would support reopening NFSR 372 (and we have filed an objection regarding the closure of that road), we would strongly object to closing NFSR 376.A after the travel management decision just determined that it should remain open to motorized use. If the Forest is proposing to make any travel management decisions in this process which contradict the final decision in the MVUM analysis, that should be clearly disclosed to the public.

Thanks for your assistance.

Patrick McKay
Colorado Offroad Enterprise / Colorado Offroad Trail Defenders