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Thank you for the clarification, Jennifer. While much of the plan is very commendable, I believe we will likely request that the ban be extended to a buffer around all system trails. Having had the experience, shortly after returning from Iraq, of feeling endangered by small arms fire coming down from Mt Rosa, I'd not want to have to plan my hikes with a preference for high-use trails to avoid a repeat!

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Dear Mr. Mowle,

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

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. All of these trails are system trails; no non-system (or "user-created") trails are considered in this analysis. This comment period is requested to determine if changes to the proposed action (such as buffers around trails) 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,

Jenn

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Jennifer,

I have a question about the references in the plan to "highly visible trails." The modifier suggests that this means something different than "system trails." Is this expansive, including well-used or "highly visible" nonsystem routes that receive human powered traffic, or is this restrictive, meaning that shooting would not be limited around system trails that are … hard to see? Hoping the former; in either case some better definition would also help.

This may be easier in discussion. My # is [redacted]. If you call, please either text or email in advance, or leave a voice mail, as I usually do not answer calls from unknown numbers.

Best regards,

Tom

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