From: Martinez, Oscar- FS
To: Davis, Mary - FS
Subject: FW: Citizen Comment - Fw: Pike Integrated Shooting NEPA
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 12:26:08 PM
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FYI...

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From: Dawn Collins <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Kisicki [redacted]
Cc: Martinez, Oscar- FS <Oscar.Martinez-polanco@usda.gov>; reidwiecks <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Citizen Comment - Fw: Pike Integrated Shooting NEPA
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Wendy,
Please follow the public submittal process - submit via the web, or mail to the address listed in the scoping letter.
The path to website is:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57807
NOTE: when you open the website, there is menu on the right side with a direct link for providing digital comments (Comment/Objection on Project). Hope this helps and thanks for your interest!

Dawn Collins
Town of Palmer Lake

From: Kisicki [redacted]>

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 2:41 PM
To: Oscar.Martinez-polanco@usda.gov; Dawn Collins [redacted]>;
mary.davis@usda.gov; [redacted] reidwiecks <[redacted]>
Subject: Citizen Comment - Fw: Pike Integrated Shooting NEPA

Oscar,
Good afternoon, I am writing as a concerned Palmer Lake citizen in regards to the potential for authorization of shooting in the Pike National Forest near the Palmer Lake reservoirs. I personally come from a family of hunters. My dad has been hunting for over 50 years and has been a long term NRA member, but even he has been horrified by the amount of shooters in the forests near camp grounds these days shooting irresponsibly, at all hours of the night and day (often times with drinking involved). My family tried multiple times to camp in other forests in Colorado where shooting was allowed and it was terrible. There were people shooting directly into the forest (not into a hill, not in a designated shooting area) probably thinking that no one was there, but there was no guarantee of that (especially in a populated camping/hiking area). We wanted to approach these people, but were frankly scared to. Because of this we have given up on car camping. The Forest Service is underfunded and understaffed, they do not have the ability to continually oversee and supervise the shooting in these areas, and it's not safe for citizens to do so. There are indoor and outdoor shooting ranges in our area that are supervised, monitored and safe and there is no reason (unless someone is hunting during hunting season and has a permit) that someone should be allowed to freely shoot guns off in an area that is highly populated (more so every year) by hikers and backpackers.

Please know that I am not against guns. Perhaps a better idea would be to use Colorado Lottery funds to create a safe outdoor alternative for people who wish to responsibly use them in an outdoor setting - something specifically designed for gun owners. Just a thought.

I also believe that we need to keep vehicles out of our watershed area. There are plenty of well groomed, safe hiking trails that are available to all those who wish to fish, hike and camp in the area. So there is plenty of access for all. Allowing vehicles in would open up a quiet, beautiful, clean watershed area to all forms of motor vehicles (cars/trucks, motorcycles, ATVs etc.) - that could potentially tear up the roads, discharge who knows what into the waterways, and greatly disturb the peace that so many come to the reservoirs seeking.

Thank you for reading this far. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read my email and ask for my words to be considered.

With Respect,
Wendy Kisicki

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Martinez-polanco, Oscar -FS" <Oscar.Martinez-polanco@usda.gov>
Subject: Pike Integrated Shooting NEPA
Date: February 1, 2021 at 12:27:22 PM MST
To: Dawn Collins <[redacted]>, "Davis, Mary - FS" <mary.davis@usda.gov>
Cc: "Rep. Terri Carver" <[redacted]>, Joshua Romero <[redacted]>, Jason Vanderpool <[redacted]>, Christopher McCarthy <[redacted]>, Reid Wiecks <[redacted]>, Bob Radosevich <[redacted]>, Bill Bass

<[redacted]>

Dawn,
I suspect some of you might be getting duplicates of the information based on a contact list that we have maintained in preparation for this planning effort. Regardless, if you know of individuals that have been missed, please forward to those individuals. We are currently in our public scoping period, one of the legal requirements for soliciting input directly to our planning efforts regarding dispersed shooting on the Pike National Forest, so it is important that we get that input at this stage to help with further development of the proposal. I am also attaching a briefing paper with more details that provides some links to the website for tracking this planning effort moving forward. If interested in providing comments, the key is to provide those per the instructions and the Feb 22nd deadline. The decision, is for the entire Pike, however, your comments can focus on the areas you know best.

Thanks for your continued interest on this topic and the management of the Pike National Forest.

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From: Martinez, Oscar -FS
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 6:44 AM
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Subject: RE: Letter of Recommendation for Partial Closure of FR 322

Dawn,
Happy New Year and thanks for the letter. I look forward to working with the Town of Palmer Lake to help safeguard this critical watershed.

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From: Dawn Collins <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 1:01 PM
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Cc: Rep. Terri Carver [redacted] Joshua Romero [redacted]>; Jason Vanderpool [redacted]; Christopher McCarthy [redacted] org>; Reid Wiecks <[redacted]; Bob Radosevich <b[redacted]; Bill Bass [redacted]; Gooch, Samantha - FS <Samantha.Gooch@usda.gov>; Huie, Earl - FS <earl.b.huie@usda.gov>
Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Partial Closure of FR 322
Importance: High

As a follow up to our in-person meeting on December 3rd, enclosed is a letter with recommended areas identified beyond the Town of Palmer Lake Reservoir water resource for closure.
We appreciate your time in this matter, Mr. Martinez, and we look forward to learning an update on this very important matter to the Town.

Dawn A. Collins, CMC
Town Administrator/Clerk
Town of Palmer Lake

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