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Attn Target Shooting project

c/o Jennifer Dewoody – Project Team leader

To whom it may concern:

My name is Martha Sellen and I have owned property in northwest Fremont county since 2001. I have a major concern as to the population growth in the pike forest area as regards target shooting.

I have horses and it has become extremely dangerous to ride in the public lands surrounding Fremont county. My husband and I have seen the increase in trash over the years become heartbreaking. My neighbor is a gun dealer and another neighbor told me they target shoot on their property. I don't think that is appropriate for a "neighborhood"

Fremont county is a ranching community and the county has a right to farm and ranch policy. Fremont county is not a gun play community. The amount of gun fire is excessive. I am not against hunting that is a totally separate issue. I respect most hunters that hunt legally. I don't think that one group of people's hobby should ruin another's right to view wildlife or ride horses or walk dogs ect. It is frightening to hear the target shooting around our home and not know where it is coming from or if they are shooting in the air or against a target. Develop shooting ranges where like- minded people can enjoy their high powered guns and not destroy others enjoyment on public land. I have 550 public lands that join up to my property and I cannot enjoy my own property because of the excessive gun fire around my property. This is a sad and shameful situation in my humble opinion.

Respectfully:



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