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Comments: First and foremost I want you to know that I do not object to a new gun range, but I do object to a gun range one mile from my property! Yes, I have read your Environmental Analysis and Draft Decision Notice and I disagree on a few basic points.

This Draft states that the Union County Government, of which are elected by our voters and paid thru our tax dollars, will assume the responsibility of funding, maintenance, and operation of this "Private" Gun Club of whom which will over see the facilities day to day operations. It also states that it will be a "Public" range facility! Then tell me why do I have to join a privately owned club to be able to use the facility. There is a perfectly good range just ten minutes down the road from this proposed site. The Chatuge Gun Club allows our officers and the public to use its range of which I am currently a member.

I do not think that the best ballistic tests and audio-sound tests were recorded and measured because the residents of the surrounding area can and do hear the gunshots that are fired from this location. You cannot tell me that the effects on the quality of our life and the wildlife feeding and breeding areas will not be affected. The live fire tests have been inconclusive of the sound levels that will be heard from multiple guns and calibers shooting at the same time.

I cannot believe how the USFS can rightfully ignore all of the comments on its web page from the public, landowners, hikers, hunters, and other organizations such as the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club and the Southern Environmental Law Center who very much oppose this gun range at the current location. It seems to me that the USFS must have a higher hand pushing down on them to allow this gun range to even exist in this location. Or is it, as they say, money and power talk louder and forget the opinion of others. I still say UCGC needs to find the private land to build a range or collaborate with the existing range three miles down the road! Everyone including the USFS should feel a need and obligation to our children and their children to protect the last amount of the forestland that still exist.