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Comments: Question 1

Is there a way that the public can obtain separate data layers for each of the proposed dispersed shooting area closures as described on page 9 of the proposed action? Can GIS data be shared with the public for each of the types of proposed dispersed shooting closure areas? (different types of trails, roads, etc)

While the Storymap is useful there are many proposed dispersed shooting closure layers that overlap. It is difficult to determine using the Storeymap alone if an area or point is proposed to be closed because of a stream, an ML3 road and/or a highly visible trail. The public cannot assume that every one of the proposed closures for each of the 12 or 13 factors listed on page 9 will be included in the final decision. In order to effectively comment on specific locations or areas, the public needs to know which of those factors applies or does not apply to a proposed shooting closure in a location.

GIS data would also be extremely beneficial to rec shooters after a decision. Having that data loaded onto a GPS or as an app on a smartphone will be the only way to accurately determine if a specific area is open or closed to shooting.

GIS data as kmz. or shp. files would be extremely useful.

Question 2

Could a list be provided of the trails currently considered to be "highly visible trails"? It is difficult to determine which trails are currently considered "highly visible" based upon the Storeymap alone. This is again due to overlapping layers on the map that cannot be separated or viewed individually.

Since the criteria used to distinguish between 'highly visible trails' and regular trails seems somewhat subjective, it is difficult for the public to otherwise identify which trails are being considered as part of which category.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to these questions.