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Comments: I am commenting on the Turkey Tracts proposed expansion and request that the following concerns be addressed in the Environmental Assessment:

A baseline noise study is completed during dawn and dusk hours and that operational hour of the range be managed to be within that sound baseline. Hence, no access to the range prior to dawn or after dusk be strictly enforced. As a nearby resident, this is currently abused and we hear shooting at all hours of the day/night.

All residents within a 3-mile radius of the Project Area be notified by UPSP mail of the USFS action to conduct an Environmental Assessment with a clear definition of the process that the public can comment and be involved with. An open house is also warranted due to the expansion of the Project area and the increase in ammunition types that will be allowed. (noise/trash/increase in traffic on Hwy 67N)

A traffic study is conducted and appropriate safeguards are recommended for installation for entrance and exit to the Project area.

Soil and erosion control and subsequent maintenance be analyzed and addressed.

Project area boundaries are defined and controlled to protect forest regrowth and increase in wildfire concerns.

Wildfire potential (will increase) and resource availability to control the resultant fires.

In summary, the EA should address the following items (not inclusive):

Noise

Traffic

Wildfire Potential

Trash

Impacts of increased recreation on the permanent residential population within a 3 mile radius of the Project area  
Safety and Operational Hours.