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Comments: Target shooting should be allowed, but only in designated areas, where the USFS has reviewed the environment, the topography, to ensure that shooting can be conducted safely. These areas should be far removed from trails used by equestrians, hikers, bikers, and others. While there are many responsible gun owners who safely evaluate conditions before shooting in open areas today, unfortunately there are others who do not use the same caution, and that creates significant risk for other forest users. I am concerned that the proposed restricted areas still allow shooting in too many areas, and specifically areas that have not been evaluated for safety by the USFS. Additionally, while most gun owners are responsible about picking up shell casings, and not littering or damaging the environment, there are others who do not clean up, and leave litter in the area. The now closed shooting area off Mt. Herman Rd. was a prime example of an area abused by irresponsible parties. Future approved areas for target shooting should have a volunteer group with a memorandum of understanding with the USFS, who will work to keep the area litter free.