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Comments: I live in Jefferson, CO in the South Park Ranger District of the Pike NF. i am retired and recreate in the South Park Ranger District. So, i am very familiar with the shooting problem in this NF. The shooting is dangerous and out of control in my opinion. i believe that it should be restricted to designated shooting ranges. will try to relate so of my bad experiences. 1) i was hiking on a ridge adjacent to the lost park road, and saw people below on the road shooting in my direction. i heard a zip as a bullet passed close by. 2) i parked at a closed FS road for a walk, right across the creek very nearby people were shooting, i was scared by the loud bangs. 3) i parked at a closed FS road for a walk, people in a nearby dispersed camp site where shooting in my direction. 4) i was hiking up hall gulch FS road and went into the forested hill side, people were parked at the summit and started shooting right over my head. 5) I was hiking in a gulch off rock creeks hills FS road, i saw people in a nearby camp site shooting upwards into the air in an area with a lot of dispersed camping. 6) i was hiking the old georgia pass road during elk calving season, when the females had their calfs in the montane forest, when nearby sone one was shooting multiple rounds with an assault rifle for 30 minutes. i have experienced assault rifle shooting in that area multiple times it was coming for an inholding in the NF. 7) I have seen pine trees literally shot down by repeated hist from large caliber weapons, including ridge top old growth ponderosa in the rock creek hills. 7) I have gone on hikes only to turn back because target shooters where on the trail shooting. 8) i have gone on hikes in the taryall mountains on forest service trails and listened to nearby shooting for an hour. 9) on many occasions i have found spent bullets on the ground. 10) i live in an area surround by forest service land, and listen to shooting all summer in the surround FS lands. 11) most National forests don't allow shooting within 200 yards of camp sites? but in the pike national forest south park ranger district dispersed camping is done everywhere and people are still shooting everywhere too. 12) the forests are experiencing drier and hooter conditions more and the forest in the carryall mountains and along the C. divide are thick and crowded and are ripe for catastrophic wildfire, which can be started by shooters. and many people just don't act responsibly anymore, so they are unlikely to comply with any forest service rule that does serve their agendas. mostly it is just annoying to listen to shooting all the time when recreating in the NF in summer