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Comments: While hiking on a trail in Pike National Forest with my dog, all of a sudden I heard a shot and felt the whizzing of a bullet right past my ear. I was terrified. I didn't think they were out to kill me, but that they were target practicing unsafely (obviously). More shots rang out, but I had to leave the trail for my safety and for my dog's safety. I cut through the forest and found a drainage that would eventually get me down the hill to where I left my car. If I were a man, I might have called out to them to let them know I was there, but being a solo female, I was terrified, even if they were simply (simply? still could have ended my life) target shooting. I notified the sheriff, but he said that was totally legal. I wish I could enjoy our beautiful mountains without fear.

Shooters have destroyed the wonderful camping out of Jefferson. Every weekend, the noise of target shooters keeps me and others out of the area. Stray bullets kill.

Thank you for listening.