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Comments: My husband and I decided to hike in Pike National Forest, and then drive up to Cripple Creek. We hiked in an area with a trail by a stream. We saw a few other hikers and we saw campsites. In this area we could hear shooting in the distance. It was not occurring where we were. The area appeared to be good habitat for wildlife. There was not even a bird. There were ripe and rotting raspberries. This also indicated a lack of wildlife. We returned to our car and continued our drive.

We saw many people shooting close to the road. Some were careful, but we also experienced some shots that seemed too close and made us feel unsafe on the road.

There was trash everywhere, including in dry streambeds. There were people shooting close to the reservoir. We don't need a forest contaminated with lead, and we don't need lead in our water. There is a huge need for improvement.