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Comments: I hike and bike almost daily all over the El Paso and Teller County area from Highway 24 to Cheyenne Mountain State Park/Highway 115. I am also a hunter and competitive shooter. I cannot imagine recreational shooting in this area. I have never reported anyone except those shooting around my home in North Cheyenne Canyon, but I have had heated conversations and shoving matches with people shooting across roads and trails while hikers or bikers were in sight. The NFSR 376.A shooting range is very questionable, especially if NFSR 372 is available. This area has become very popular with ultra runners and bikepackers. As a shooter, I am willing to drive to Douglas County to practice, especially since they will have up to 1000 yard ranges. Also, please make a clear-cut statement that dusk-to-dawn recreational shooting is illegal. I don't think that is clearly understood and is incredibly dangerous. Finally, the only way this works is if Rangers are assigned to the areas. We have one Ranger that I know about, Earl Huighe. I have met him in the woods on occasion, but I have never seen any County backup. Maybe, once assigned sites are developed, the Counties will provide support, but based on my experience, I seriously doubt it. Mr. Huighe needs additional support for the nearly 2 million acres or a certain element will never abide by the shooting limitations. Mr. Huighe already takes great risks to approach these people. Thank you so much for asking our opinions and suggestions. It's going to be extremely difficult to reign the offenders in.