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Comments: I have lived within 200 yards of Pike National Forest for more than 20 years. I am an avid hiker, cyclist, and gun owner. The increase in population density and usage of certain parts of the forest makes those areas unsuitable for dispersed target shooting.

Specifically, areas such as the Mount Herman Rd corridor have proven to be a disaster of irresponsible behavior including the destruction of forest resources, constant trash being left behind, destruction of property (vehicles, signs), and the loss of human life (my friend Tim Watkins).

Prior to the (now lapsed?) shooting ban along Mt Herman Rd, recreation along the corridor had become completely unsafe, with people shooting near and across roadways. Unsafe people were also shooting with no backstop, trees as backstops, and into canyons where people hike, bike, and ride horses. I, personally, had to take cover on multiple occasions while on the systemized 715 trail.

I object to any legal dispersed target shooting within proximity to highly trafficked multi-use areas such as the Mt Herman Rd corridor.