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Comments: My wife and I have lived in Westcreek since 2015. Our home is about 2.5 miles from Turkey Tracks shooting range. We clearly hear the shooting at that site. Sometimes it's loud enough to hear inside our house with windows closed and even scares our dog. We are fortunately far enough away not to be concerned about stray bullets. Most bullets only have a range of 1.5 miles. There should be concern about homes within the 1.5 mile range though. I do not have a suggestion concerning the range of bullets other than an appropriate distance from any structure (1/2 mile is sorely inadequate).

Our biggest concern for us personally and as a community of about 100 homes is the numerous fires that occur every year at the Turkey Tracks shooting range. 2020 saw 8 fires, 2019 was around 12 fires. I've lost count for years prior. Being in the area of the 2002 Hayman Wildfire there is a LOT of deadwood fuels in the area. Many of the dead trees are still standing, the rest are on the ground. Whereas a live tree has some fire resistance much of the year, these dead trees are very dry and very flammable year round. The standing dead wood are prime for initiating crown fires. A quick drive to the area clearly shows the damage a crown fire causes. 19 years later the area has barely started to recover and the damage is still very evident. Every fire originating in the Turkey Tracks shooting range puts the entire area in danger. We saw the effects of the Haymen Burn, which before 2020 was the largest wildfire in Colorado history. Also, every firefighter called to monitor and ultimately fight a fire is one less firefighter available to monitor for illegal campfires down Trail Creek Rd. The Mountain Communities Volunteer Fire Dept. has the least amount of funds relative to the area served of any Fire Department in Colorado. The small local population limits the number of potential volunteer fire fighters available within the district.

A plan for keeping Turkey Tracks open should also include additional funding for paid full-time firefighters dedicated to monitor the fire danger and needed additional infrastructure. This plan should also include a major MITIGATION for removal of all dead wood within at least 1 mile of any residence. Besides greatly reducing the fire danger to homes in the area, it would also aid in the forest recovery.

Whereas the noise is a nuisance, one often falling under the category of "not in my back yard", the stray bullets and wildfire danger is real. They contribute a real danger to lives and a huge economic danger to the local citizens and well beyond the immediate area. It is well understood that if locations for target shooters to go are not available, these shooters will just go into the surrounding forest and shoot with minimal ability to be monitored. Any official plan needs to account for the ability to monitor activities, minimize fire danger and ultimately be accessible to fire firing equipment.