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Comments: Thank you for making this a priority. Our youth camp of 75 years is surrounded on three sides by the Pike National Forest. Over the past decade we have seen a drastic increase in shooting activity around our camp, which is located where Park County Road 98 and Teller County Road 46 connect. Due to the amount of recreational shooting in the area we have had to alter daytime programs such as hiking and horseback riding. We pay the forest service for access to the forest throughout the summer and, unfortunately, have had to limit our campers access due to the nearby shooting. We have had a bullet hit the roof of one of our cabins. We have, on a couple occasions, had to call a vet for horse injuries caused by the horse being spooked by nearby gunfire. Not only does this negatively effect our business, but it also disturbs me personally that I have to worry about taking my own kids on hikes I once went on as a child simply out of fear of stray bullets. I am glad to see you all are moving in the right direction. I would, respectfully, ask that that the forest between Park County Road 98/Teller County Road 46, to Blue Mountain Road, to Highway 24 and the adjacent forest surrounding Blue Mountain be a closed to any type of shooting, range or otherwise.