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Re: Scoping Letter 06012021

Project 57807

After several phone conversations with Brian Banks, District Ranger, he suggested that I send an objection and closure letter involving the shooting area located West of Shawnee Co, North side of Hwy. 285, near MM216 on the NFSP River.

I advise closure of the above mentioned area as I believe this area is deemed inappropriate for target shooting due to:

1. Bordering several private properties. Cattle are grazing on adjacent property year round. Checking on cattle, I have heard the "whizz" of bullets near my head.
2. Shooting damage to trees, shrubs, removal and degradation of essential habitat elements. The Forest Service is aware of this as they have inspected the site with the Park County Sheriff Department (PCSD).
3. Disturbance to neighboring landowners. The noise level is INTOLERABLE! Explosives are discharged on a regular basis. Shooting continues into the night.
4. Trash left at site. Ammunition and targets.
5. There is NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SHOOTING AREA. This area is surrounded by private property and private gates. Shooters trespass and break locks on gates that are located on the Water Department access road and on private properties adjacent to the NFSP River.
6. Site located on a body of water (NFSP) River.
7. Site located directly on Water Department Access Road.
8. < 150 yards, < 1/2 mile from a residence, building or occupied area (grazing cattle).
9. Report from other Law Enforcement office (PCSD) of violations. SEE ATTACHED PCSD REPORT. There has been communication between PCSD, Brian Banks and myself regarding this careless shooting incident.

I feel that this shooting area is HIGH RISK to public safety.

I feel unsafe and fear for my life because of the target shooting practices at this site.

Please close this area to dispersed target shooting. Thank you!

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