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Comments: Thank you for providing the opportunity for me to provide comment on target shooting in the Pike National Forest.

My primary concern with Dispersed Target Shooting in the Pike National Forest is the wildfires they cause. My home is near the north boundary of the national forest not far from the area designated as "proposed target shooting closures" in the January 13, 2020 on-line impact assessment. The risk of wildfire around my home is high already given summer lightening strikes, careless handling of fire by individuals and prolonged drought. Establishing controlled areas for target shooting is a logical and practical way to reduce and control this problem. It will make my home, and all homeowners in the rural areas around the national forest a safer place to live. My secondary concern with Dispersed Target Shooting is the destruction of habitat. In particular the region of the national forest southwest of Sedalia near Devils Head. This is a beautiful but fragile area and the damage created will take a long time to heal. Therefore the establishment of controlled areas for target shooting will limit the destruction to specified areas.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to comment.