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Comments: Thank you for collecting the public comments on the issue of target shooting in the Pike National Forest. I believe that it is important to offer people a specific place where they can safely target shoot. There used to be a location like this on Rampart Range Road but it was closed many years ago. After that happened, the area of Mt Herman Road became the favored location of many shooters.

Without a specific place for them to shoot, people where shooting at practically every pull off along the road and with little regard to nearby trails. I have had multiple friends who have had very close calls with bullets buzzing by them on trails like 715 that run nearby the road. Also, the amount of trash was an eye sore and took weeks of work to clean up after shooting ended there.

Please work to create a place similar to the old area on Rampart Range Rd to give people an outlet for their target shooting that will allow them to safely participate. I would also suggest formation of a "Friends of" group to help keep the area clean and reinforce safe behavior.