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Comments: Our vacation property is adjacent to Pike NF. We chose this location because of the easy access to target shooting just across the NF boundary. There are no other property owners near enough to us to cause a problem with target shooting in the NF. One shooter, west of us, is far enough away so that we can both shoot safely and without bothering anyone. There are no open FS roads near our shooting area, so there is no risk to travelers or from travelers shooting towards us.

I suggest that instead of blocking target shooting in all NF that are near private land and structures, that you leave them open unless you have specific issues arising from those specific locations. Properties east of us, for example, are much closer together and have NF roads nearby. These areas do experience target shooting problems, and I believe those residents would support a NF shooting ban near them. But don't put the closures in every area adjacent to private land and structures. We have no problems and very much enjoy the access to this traditional, legal activity. Do not ban this activity adjacent to our property.