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Comments: As a retired military member who used to regularly fire 200+ rounds daily, it pains me to say that the open shooting that currently occurs in our CO National Forest must stop, and be strictly limited to a specific area and regularly policed. I have had numerous close calls hiking and biking on well-known trails and FS roads by dangerous shooters who had no idea how to shoot safely (I.e., know the area, solid back-drop, etc.). When I've confronted these individuals concerning their unsafe practices, on several occasions they've threatened my life with those same weapons. The added impacts from spent rounds, left targets, trash, and damage to the surrounding flora further strengthens the need to restrict this. From what I've seen over the past 2+ decades of regular National Forest use is that the majority of the shooters up there are not safe, and shouldn't own a firearm. We have already lost several individuals to 'stray bullets' from this in-regulated behavior; how many more lives must pay this ultimate price?