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Comments: I am writing a response to support the effort #57807 to limit target shooting to designated areas in the Pike National Forest. As a long term resident of the Pikes Peak area (1968), I have witnessed the devastating effects to the forest due to irresponsible target shooters. I also would like to see a clause in this regulation that protects the rights of unrestricted legal hunting within the forest.

As a person that lives next to and works within the Pike National Forest it is essential that we work together to protect and preserve her.

Over the years our population has increased dramatically. It will be essential to restrict more uses of the forest in the future.

We need to move rapidly to the Rocky Mountain National Forest model of limiting egress, regress, and camping to designated areas as the effects of overuse are showing.

We are leaving the forest in poorer condition than we found her. I do not believe this is a legacy we wish to continue.

It may be painful but we all need to work to together to protect and preserve Pike National Forest.