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Comments: I own a home in Southern Colorado in Conejos County. The area is surrounded by Rio Grande National Forest, and they had the same problem. Conejos County partnered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and built a public range. The range has archery, pistol, shotgun, and rifle. It is open 7 days per week sunup to sundown. The range is also used by the Park rangers, and some LE personnel. I admit that people do bring trash to shoot and shoot at targets meant for rim fire with large caliber. Target back drops are provided, but get shot up pretty fast. In spite of all this, at least people are shooting in an area with a dirt back stop. The trash is located in one spot instead of spread all over the forest.

The range is free to use, and has cut down on the shooting of highway signs and other objects. You will still need to do clean up, but at least people have a decent place to shoot. The Conejos County range is maintained by the County. Trash is collected in trash cans on the range. In this case, you might consider 2-3 ranges, at least one for each Forrest. Being close to the metro area, I expect them to be busy, but again, the ranges keep the trash and shooting in one location.