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Comments: Until I saw this article, I didn't even know that it was legal to recreationally shoot guns in National Forests, beyond hunting during designated hunting seasons; much less in this particular public forest in Colorado so close to the front range. My husband and I were planning on purchasing an off road type camper to be towed by our 4WD pickup into areas like this, but now that we know camping, hiking, and practice or recreational shooting are all done equally in this National Forest, forget it, we're going to change our plans. If shooters come in and make noise and trash wherever and whenever they want (and it looks like they have been), we don't want to be any where near it (not to mention the potential danger of stray bullets). This would ruin our plans and our time there, and if this is how it is in National Forests and other wilderness areas, we're going to come up with a plan that won't subject us to the noise, eyesores and dangers that are inherent in this destructive and intrusive past-time. Unless some very strict boundaries are put in place and enforced (in terms of time and geographic areas), we're not going to invest our money and time into coming to the once beautiful and peaceful Colorado that we had first encountered so many years ago. We just won't take that chance and I'm sure gun owners would only be too happy to keep people like us out of "their" public forest lands. Too bad.