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Comments: I am the widow of Tim Watkins, who was gunned down in Pike National forest while doing what he loved most, mountain biking. I am angered and horrified that anyone is even considering allowing shooting legally or otherwise anywhere near the trails that are utilized by bikers, hikers and some horseback riders. I have been on these trails and have had to ask shooters to stop or shoot I. A different direction while I pass on the trail. I have volunteered with different organizations to clean up after target shooters, who leave behind countless shell casings all while destroying the environment either shooting up trees or tearing up land getting vehicles to these areas. I realize that there are budgetary restraints regarding law enforcement for the national forests but I don't see how adding legal shooting to the already out of control number of illegal shooters seems like an impossible task for policing. One deadly shooting in the areas where we hike and bike is too many. It would be unconscionable for my husband's shooting death not to be considered in this decision. Thank you for your consideration.

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