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Comments: I live in Turkey Rock Ranch. The biggest ongoing impacts on my life of the Turkey Trak site on Hwy 67 No of Woodland Park are the wildfires which have been started there by idiot shooters and the increased traffic in and out of the site.

I recognize the need to accommodate everyone (though I disagree with it). But I strongly disagree with allowing dangerous situations to continue, so specific shooting areas are preferable to free-for-alls but will not solve the problems of indiscriminate shooting and will need severe penalties for noncompliance and more policing neither of which you will have any stomach for imho.

Also, while some shooters are not morons and do try to be responsible, there are far too many who are completely irresponsible (not unlike the off-road weekenders) who disrespect public lands and private property and those who live here, who do not follow the rules, and who create danger and damage of other kinds.

I would be interested to know the percentage of the population that shoots and uses shooting ranges; and then I would want to know how much the rest of us have to put up with to allow them their killing and destruction (and yes I know that's pejorative but it's also accurate).

So, my preference would be NO SHOOTING near my home or indeed on the public lands which belong to ALL of us. But, realistically, limiting shooting is preferable to unlimited. But Part II, it would be far preferable if shooters had to pay something to indulge their penchants and even more preferable if they would take it inside for the most part. (For example, picnickers and fishermen must pay daily or yearly for the privilege of visiting the public lands of nearby Lake Manitou.) Part II, shooting MUST be LIMITED in hours and numbers of shooters and they MUST lose their privileges if they do not follow the rules, which means they MUST be card-carrying users (paid, preferably). Perhaps using indoor shooting range owners to run that part of the program or otherwise partner with for-profit ranges and shooting organizations or private contractors like you do with Lake Manitou and other no-longer-really-public areas.

Bottom Line: I DO worry about those who ruin it for everyone. Please do not try to please all comers. Please put the safety of those of us who live nearby (I have had a bullet hit a window years ago and a neighbor had one last year) and the safety of the public lands overall as your FIRST priorities and accommodating any idiot with a gun a far distant second! Thank you.