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Comments: I have reviewed the plans for the proposal, particularly the one for Harris Park in Bailey. I agree that this may alleviate some noise to surrounding homes and increase range safety. However, although it requires a more thorough approach, I do not think your plans are comprehensive enough.

I was one of the volunteers who helped clean up this gun range in 2019. Let me preface this by saying I have been a smoker for over 50 years and a shooter for longer than that. I have had a Concealed Carry Permit since they became legal in Colorado. I had parents who taught me responsibility, consideration of others, and to be my own harshest critic. That said, I have NEVER left a cigarette butt, a gun casing or any other trash on the ground. At this cleanup in Harris Park, I was raking up layers of discarded casings several inches deep. Bushes and trees showed evidence of being makeshift targets. The condition of the range was so inundated with trash that over forty volunteers could not gather it all in a day.

One of the major problems in our country today is the belief that actions do not have consequences and that, if you don't get caught, anything you do is OK.

I am not advocating a police state, but I AM advocating watchdog education. To make these ranges truly what they should be, that being a place for RESPONSIBLE gun owners to practice, they need to be monitored. You can do that with cameras, volunteers, or a combination of the two. Volunteers could sign in shooters. The cameras could monitor infractions. The volunteers could call attention and request compliance to the shooters to clean up after themselves. If they refuse, they should be fined. This could be accomplished by mail, as all info would be at registration, and the infraction recorded on camera. Volunteers would cost the USFS nothing in payroll, but should have a range monitor designation or the like. This educates people that there are consequences to their actions, keeps the range from being detrimental to other shooters and the environment, and provides an additional bit of funding to USFS.

I am a responsible gun owner and shooter. If we are going to allow others to shoot in public places, we need to insure that others are, also.