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Comments: As a frequent user of the Monument Preserve and the adjacent National Forest Area including around the Palmer Lake reservoirs, I would like to speak against allowing any target shooting in the extended area. A few years ago, target shooting was banned along Mt Herman road (although there are often shooters defying that ban) and it has been a great relief to myself and my family, mostly mountain biking but also jogging and walking our dogs. Areas that the shooters had decimated with trash and destroying trees are slowly recovering.

I would like to see the shooting restriction extended to Balanced Rock Road above the reservoirs, and Rampart Range Road between Balanced Rock Road and Mt Herman Road. I often go on longer mountain bike rides from my house, traveling to above the reservoirs and it is quite discomforting to have active shooters right on the road as I ride by. Since the shooters have obviously arrived by vehicles, I believe they can drive just a bit farther to stay away from our population center (Monument and Palmer Lake) and areas that can be accessed by foot or bike from our houses.

Thank you for your consideration