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Comments: The existing rules for Target Shooting may have been fine on the USFS land when El Paso county population was small, but with the city/county exploding to 1 million people, this is no longer feasible. The inherent risks to public safety, wildfires, resource damage, and trash accumulation from Target Shooting are unfortunately no longer tolerable. I am not advocating anything extreme, only to have Target Shooting in designated areas and not on mixed-use trail areas that are used recreationally for hiking, running, biking, equestrian, etc. The public can only bike or drive a motorized vehicle in designated areas/trails/roads, so why not the same for target shooting? The USFS needs to have a system-wide answer to the issue, not just the current band-aid closure methodology.

I have no issues with Target Shooting in specifically designated areas, just not on heavily trafficked trail areas or where the target shooting can be heard in Palmer Lake.