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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed plan for target shooting in Pike NF. As a resident of Trout Creek Ranch, I am especially concerned about the plan for the Turkey Tracks shooting range. As the crow flies, our home is 1.5 miles from that range. My wife and I moved here because of the beauty and serenity of this location. At first we would hear occasional gunfire on weekends, but as time has elapsed, the noise has become incessant on weekends and increasingly frequent during the week. This is not just a distant faint sound, but it is loud enough to where we can hear it inside our home with the windows shut. The joy of sitting outside on our porch to relax, read or converse has been taken from us. The shooting at Turkey Tracks has greatly diminished the quality of our lives, and it is sure to have a negative impact on the value of our property when it comes time for us to sell it. Prospective buyers are sure to be dissuaded from purchasing a home near a poorly managed shooting range and from which frequent gunfire can be heard.

I urge those who are involved in the Pike NF target shooting plan to drive to Trout Creek Ranch, pull off to the side of the road and imagine trying to read a book or simply listening to the sounds of nature. To get the full effect, please come out on a good-weather weekend.

This YouTube video I made will give you a sample of the noise we have to endure:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zetj5k7YJjs>

I would like to make these specific requests regarding the noise problem as it relates to the proposed Turkey Tracks shooting range:

1. Come out to Trout Creek Ranch Estates on a weekend to get a first-hand assessment of the gunfire noise coming from Turkey Tracks.
2. Hire a professional gun range designer with expertise on sound mitigation. Walled shooting galleries, strategic berm building, trenching, baffles, etc. can go a long way towards controlling gunfire noise. The Family Shooting Center in Aurora, CO is a good example of how this can be accomplished.
3. If necessary to achieve the required noise-suppression, disallow the shooting of exceptionally loud firearms (e.g. shotguns, high-powered rifles).
4. If certain shooting activities do not lend themselves to sound abatement, eliminate them from this range. It appears to me that the latest proposed plan for Turkey Tracks includes these types of activities (e.g. Hunt Simulation Range), and that worries and alarms me.
5. Close the range to night shooting. It is not uncommon to hear gunfire from Turkey Tracks after dark. If I want to sleep, I have to shut windows, which makes sleeping very uncomfortable in the heat of the summer.

If Turkey Tracks cannot be configured to address the noise heard from Trout Creek Ranch and other neighboring developments, then the shooting range should be relocated. Surely there are many other potential sites that are not so close to so many residences.

Thank you for considering my feedback.