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Comments: I appreciate the information in the zoom meetings & for the opportunity to provide input to the proposed project. We live in Harris Park & currently have concerns with the range as stands, let alone the higher volume of use that more development will bring. Some of the many concerns we have are,

* Property values- the first concern with increased traffic & noise is how our property values will be affected.

* Noise pollution- the range sits butted up to a massive ridge, that amplifies & carries the noise for miles.

There are hundreds of residences in the area & currently when active we cannot even spend a peaceful weekend on our deck or in the yard, without a constant barrage of gunfire echoing through the valley. This can be very disheartening as our community has a magnificently beautiful mountain backdrop. We feel that sound mitigation will be very difficult at best, with the proximity to the ridge & would 100 percent need to be addressed!

* Traffic Volume- with more development & less ranges we would be concerned with higher traffic volumes, not just for noise & trash, but actual traffic on our small roads & in our community.

* Safety & Environment- Current use has already had many safety concerns, from shooting in undesignated areas, to shooters starting wildfires & people on nearby trails having experiences with erroneous bullets. As mentioned there's hundreds of households in the immediate area. We use the forest & trails around the range to recreate with our families & pets & there have been many instances of conflict & wildfire in the past. What would the impact to wildlife & water be, with increased use? There's a creek that crosses the forest access road, that needs to be driven through & what would be the effect on that? Wildlife & more traffic?

* Hours of operation- many shooters use the range very early morning & or late in the evening/night. Even though the forest service has recently tried to establish a time frame for the range, it's been difficult at best to ensure its enforcement.

* Disrespectful users- the range has a long history of leaving trash behind, bringing old appliances & things to shoot up & leave behind, shooting explosive targets, not obeying laws & shooting restrictions, shooting signs & towards residences without regard to the community & the list goes on & on.

With the current size & continued growth of the community in Harris Park & surrounding communities, we would hope & recommend, that the Harris Park range will not be included in the final development plan.

Thank you for the platform.

Best regards,

Chris