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Comments: As a regular mountain bike user of trail 626 and roads FS381 and FS379, as well as a frequent hiker in the vicinity (Jones Park and Emerald Valley), target shooting in those areas negatively impacts my recreational experience in a dramatic way, and I encourage the forest service to close those areas to shooting. I say this for the following reasons: 1. The environmental devastation along FS381 and FS379 is severe and saddening. To see trees destroyed and enough litter to fill a landfill along those roads transports users from feeling far removed from civilization to feeling like they're in an apocalyptic garbage dump, with no hope for the future of the natural world if we shoot trees for fun and leave shell casings and trash behind, crunching underfoot. 2. I fear for my safety when riding trail 626, and FS381 and FS379. I've witness paramilitary militia groups training in tactical gear with semiautomatic weapons along those routes, and hear the constant echo of heavy gunfire even when deep in the woods, with no sense of where the gunfire is coming from or aiming at. The entrance to 626 from 381 especially feels like you're about to ride into direct fire. 3. Hiking in Emerald Valley and in Jones Park you can hear gunfire from those and other areas that detracts from the experience that you're deep in the wilderness, a feeling that is hard to replicate so close to the city. For these reasons I support this management plan and encourage the forest service to direct target shooting to specific locations and close FS 379 and FS 381 to shooting.