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Comments: My family and I have been residents of turkey rock ranch since the 60s. During that time we have seen considerable growth in the area. Along with that growth there has been increased use of the area by shooters, atvers, hunters etc resulting in increasing noise, litter, erosion, degradation of the environment. Establishment of this shooting area will make the area even more of a magnet for these activities, to the detriment of our national forest. On any warm weather weekend traveling between westcreek and turkeyrock is hazardous at best with trucks, trailers, atvs, razors, motor cycles, etc parked any where and everywhere. Staying on established trails appears to be optional. I fear that if these folk come to this shooting area and find it full, they will just spread out into more nearby areas causing more degradation of the forest and endangering residents and visitors alike.

This shooting area will be a pollution point source for lead and other heavy metals in the south platte drainage as all those bullets leach into the ground water affecting wells and streams. Has an EIS been done on this proposal? I encourage you to abandon this project and keep our national forest as pristine as possible!!