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Comments: I have been shooting in the National Forest for 40 years and have seen an increase in destructive shooting and trash left behind. I feel real enforcement of existing laws is the key, not more closures. Some ideas:
1. Implement a 'target shooting fee paid per year to shoot in the national forest. 2. use this money to hire more enforcement rangers to write tickets to violators. Make their numbers known so legal shooters can report 'slob' shooters. I know there is only one enforcement officer for all of Pike National forest, and he can't possibly cover all of the violations. #. Sentence violators to a steep fine, or, public service cleaning up informal ranges that are trashed. In summary, there are a lot more respectful shooters out here than there are 'slob shooters' who trash the forest. Punish the few who screw things up for the majority. Don't punish the vast majority of shooters who are respectful of our forests.