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Comments:

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THE closing the forest to dispersed target shooting in exchange for diverting the shooters to Turkey Tracks Shooting area.

The negative impacts and dangers outweigh the benefits.

Dangers:

? Wildfires?. The Mountain Community Volunteer Fire Department responds to an average of 10 fires per year at Turkey Tracks (in 2020, the number of fires was eight). This is abnormally high for a shooting range and is especially troubling given the dry, and often windy, conditions in this area.

? Stray Bullets?. There have been several reports of irresponsible and reckless shooting at Turkey Tracks. A few years ago, a man was killed by what is suspected to be a stray bullet from this site.

Negative Impacts:

? Noise: The sounds of gunshots in the mountains is acceptable. Concentrating these sounds to one location in the vicinity of neighborhoods is not.

? Night Shooting?. It is not uncommon to hear gunfire from Turkey Tracks after dark.

Instead please IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY of Turkey Tracks Shooting Range:

? Limit Hours of Operation to daylight hours only

? Onsite managers during popular open hours to ensure safety, limit trash dumping

Thank you for your consideration.