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Comments: I think this is a great idea overall. I frequently shoot at Turkey tracks, one of the locations selected as a potential site to develop. This is a prime spot to build and upgrade what is currently there.

The back drop mountains provide a natural barrier and stop for shooters. The view is also a bonus. To me it is a calming place to go regardless of the amount of target shooting going on and something needs to be done to further the development of this site and protect what we have.

The issues I've seen at this location are:

1. No dumpster - shooters will constantly go to this place taken for granted and leave ungodly amounts of trash, debris and other items meant to be tossed after use. Some of the most infuriating things to see are TVs and old oil drums. Go buy some targets.
2. Brass and old shells. I understand some expended shot shells cannot have any further use, however having boxes near each range lane to place brass in that is unwanted and could be collected, cleaned and resold pending any cracks and wear, could be used to develop revenue for the Forrest service.
3. Overhead cover. I have built a few ranges on a couple deployments in 3rd world countries. The first thing to go up after establishing the range site is overhead cover. Turkey tracks gets enough use, that if concrete slabs were poured, beams erected and simple aluminum cover put over the top, this place would be a shooter's dream. I believe Turkey tracks needs to be developed further and provide a more professional atmosphere for the shooting community.
4. Fires. I've witnessed people using "dragons breath" out at this site. It's Colorado. Use your head. Same thing with exploding targets. A sign is up in regards to targetry but people don't adhere to it. I hate seeing this place close down for stuff that can be prevented.
BRING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. I bring one everytime, to me it is common sense.
5. Target stands. Ladies and gentlemen, trees are not targets. If you own the land, do what you want, but this is a public site. You spend the money to buy a 400-3000 dollar gun but you can't spend 60 for a decent stand to hold your targets? This should be mandatory. Being a shooter on a professional level this is huge. I don't go to a range without my target pickets, backings, spray glue and targetry. I'll reiterate, TREES ARE NOT TARGETS OR TARGET STANDS!
6. Left and right limits. Limits of each lane need to be established. Turkey tracks is not developed in a sense of a military range. That in my opinion is a good thing. However please for the love of God, know what your target is, what is beyond your target and the left and right limits of your target when shooting in-depth and laterally or shooting period. I've been at this site before, thank God I was where I was, because the land within this small area provided a natural barrier. All I heard was "break yo self foo" and several rounds in various directions. I've been shot at before on many occasions, so yes these rounds were definitely going over me from a perpendicular location (to my right) and the individual shooting clearly had minimal firearms training. I went to pursue this individual after the incident and express concern, but they were already on their vehicle and driving off. Must have been a quick test to see if the gun functioned or first time shooting. Regardless, it was immature, unprofessional and unethical.

I'll close out with this. Turkey tracks, again, is a beautiful place. A gift that we should cherish and take care of. I'm

all for anyone having the freedoms to take their firearms out and have a good time. Most importantly it needs to be done safely and with regard to shooters around you. This should remain an open, first come first serve range as it has been for years. I would not be opposed to having a shack that is manned on site that sells targetry, ammo and various shooting supplies that also develops a small amount of revenue to put back into the range or the Forrest service to maintain the area. I'd love to hear anyone else's views on it. Let's take care of what we have. Cheers!

Sincerely,

Your neighborhood Green Beret.