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Comments: I am strongly against allowing the shooting range. Here are several of my concerns below:

These are my concerns with the proposed Turkey Tracks shooting plan.

Noise: The shooting noise affects over 300 residents and businesses in this area. I would like for the forest service to consider the population density in the vicinity of the proposed shooting range. Sound should not travel more than 1/2 a mile from the range. If this cannot be accomplished with the design, then the offending guns type should not be allowed.

Capacity: With the Turkey Tracks site already at heavy usage, I am concerned if it will be able to handle the capacity once target shooters are funneled into this one site. Parking outside designated areas should be ticketed.

Trash and Environmental: An enormous amount of trash is left behind by target shooters for local volunteers to cleanup. Also there is damage done to trees, ground vegetation, riparian are, and compaction of soil.

Safety: Stray bullets entering residential areas, illegal weapons, night shooting, exploding targets, alcohol and drug usage, shooting across roadways, and lack of cell coverage to report incidents causes concern for my safety.

Property Values: I am concerned that my property value will decrease if the shooting range is not properly managed

Wildland Fires: The area around the shooting range has considerable assets at risk with 150 homes valued at \$100,000 to over \$1,000,000 in the event of a fire. MCVFD responds on average to 10 wildland fires per year at turkey tracks. Target shooting should be closed at stage 1 fire ban due to the high fire risk.

Impact on Local Resources: Emergency services must be given an opportunity to provide input to the proposed shooting plan. With the high number of calls to Turkey Tracks, I am concerned if local law enforcement, fire departments, and ambulance services will be available for local residents when needed. Also there is a tremendous amount of local volunteer effort required to keep the shooting range clean.

Management of Site: The site should have set hours of operation, onsite staff, fees charged to cover costs associated with the site, locked gates after hours, reservation system to avoid over crowding, onsite portable toilets, onsite dumpster, and onsite fire suppression equipment. A percentage of user fees should be used to reimburse local resources. Shooter education with signage as to what is expected from shooters using the range.

Spillover: Prevent spillover into surrounding areas (FR 343, Painted Rocks Rd, 9J Rd, Stump Rd,) To prevent spillover out the south side of the range and prevent OTV's and shooter conflicts, FR 343 should be closed at the south end of the shooting range to FR 343B. Also to have signage that ATV trails on the east side of Hwy 67 are also CLOSED to dispersed shooting. The surrounding areas around the proposed shooting range needs to be closed to dispersed shooting.

Other uses in the forest such as hunting, fishing, OTV's, mountain biking, hiking... either charge fees to cover costs associated with the usage or are very good at self policing. Target shooting has a negative impact on the forest and local resources.

Transparency: Provide transparency to make sure that the voices of the local residents, emergency services, and shooting community are all equally considered in the plans final implementation.

Alternative Sites: Why is the forest service planning to do a costly shooting range development at Turkey Tracks when there are plenty of areas in the Pike National Forest where a range complex could be placed far away from the population?