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Comments: I do not support the proposed integrated management of target shooting on Pike National Forest.

These are my concerns with the proposed plan to prohibit dispersed shooting:

1. 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.

2. As a tax payer, National Forest land should be freely available to be used responsibly. Although there will always been exceptions, the vast majority of dispersed shooting I have seen in the National Forest has been done responsibly.

3. The creation of designated shooting areas will inevitably lead to restrictions of the types of weapons that can be used on the land (despite it being public land), and will also inevitably lead to a charge to use the proposed ranges/designated shooting areas. Keeping training accessible to those who want to exercise the right to bear arms is paramount. Keeping the opportunity to train behind a paywall, or with restrictions on what type of training can be done in the area, will create untrained and uneducated gun owners.