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Comments: I border Turkey Tracks to the south. I have had numerous problems with users of this area. In addition to items of concern already identified by other residents of this area I have had cattle shot & killed, fence cut on a regular basis, metal feeders shot full of holes, bullets lodged into my barns and first hand observations of targets mounted to trees with no backstops to stop bullets. Multiple fires, explosive targets, gunfire pre-dawn upto midnight 7 days per week, year round & in rain & snow. This is a socially developed area that has only become popular since the Hayman fire in 2002. The population explosion on the front range & interest in firearm recreation has impacted our area as well. The lack of respect for our forest ecosystems as well as private property is destroying our vital forest environment. Mixed use is no longer safely a possibility in our forest system. If Turkey Track is going to be considered for target shooting, you must establish boundaries & limitations. Hours, fees, fines, trash, noise, enforcement..... Safety, safety, safety!!! My property has been devalued due to noise & safety & has rendered my property uninhabitable & dangerous! Who wants to be afraid of a stray bullet ending their life!?

A stray bullet has already taken one innocent life. The ATV trails in the area need to be closed permanently to keep motorized vehicles safe and out of the area. The west side of my property has been assaulted with target shooting and trash as well. The USFS is charged with assuring the health & wellbeing of our natural resources and our delicate forest ecosystems in this high desert area of the front range. Short sided vision will only bring destruction to our already fragile forest system. If we continue down this path, with no enforcement or consequences for people's actions & behaviors, we all lose. There is NO room for error. Over 300 homes exist in this area, shooters don't see our homes or cars or animals. They assume anything goes just cause they can't "see" us. If it can't be enforced & monetary penalties imposed, don't even attempt it. The only solution is to CLOSE the forest to shooting. Do what's right for the planet, the forest and those of us that live here, we are under assault & it's the loud minority of people getting their voice heard. We are out numbered.

These recreational users go home and leave us their mess.... we have a local non-profit with volunteers that clean up after these people! Really? This is so, so wrong!