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Comments: Dear Sirs, as someone who bikes and hikes in the Pikes Peak forest on a weekly basis I am surprised and scared by the number of times people have been shooting in or near where we are going. You have the very condensed areas along Old Gold Camp Road (near Penrose Res) which is always problematic to get through if you are heading to Mt Rosa or to Frosty's. But often we have experienced people shooting (automatic?) weapons on some of the more remote areas and it is almost impossible to tell what they are shooting at (are we in their line of fire?)

Also, the amount of hillsides and areas ruined by some who think they should kill every tree on the side of a hill, or haul old TVs into the forest to use as target practice is disappointing.

Finally, I may be mistaken here, but if someone goes for a hike or drive into a forest they are probably expecting peace and quiet - maybe even see some wild animals. But to have an almost constant banging from firearms does nothing to enhance the natural beauty or environment of our forests.

This is isn't even taking into account the garbage that these shooting sites generate.

So, I think dispersed shooting is a pretty poor solution and we need much more control over where this takes place and the safety and sanitation measures put in place at these locations.