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Comments: I attended the meeting at the TCSO Office, heard many outlandish claims about "My rights being taken away" which isn't what the meeting was about. It was to inform the Public "Our Forest has a problem", and We the People need to work together in solving for the overall health and welfare of all. So my comments are two-fold, first as a concerned Teller County resident, secondly as a Board Of Directors member of Teller County Shooting Society.

The most important aspect of the entire undertaking is to make the Forest Safe! Also try and keep the forests clean w/o needless volunteer hrs spent picking up after disrespectful users of the Forests! Like most changes, the few that abuse the liberty provided to us to use our National/State Forests as Public Use, has long been abused, neglected, and more importantly unsafe for those that use guns and those that do not.

I'm fully supportive of making the changes to enforce what has long been unenforceable! As alternative to building/manning another Range within Teller County...why not market the Public Days we hold each Sat/Sun 10am - 3pm from May thru Oct. We offer to the public a safe and effective way to shoot individually or with family/friends. Yes there is a small fee per user, but that fee helps offset costs associated in building/maintaining/growing a meaningful Range. We're a Non-Profit, so no employees, no partners, and zero Profit sharing. We are all volunteer run and operated day to day. It seems we could be a more Effective/Efficient resource...at least to test out, before seeking funding/manpower and all other costs associated with a New Range. Close down the areas with problems to date, Market our Public days w/Gunsmiths, Sporting Goods that sell guns, and the General Public seeking a Safe Shooting environment! We are open to being a trustworthy/certified (NRA) resource in hopefully eliminating the unsafe shooting/trash problems we see today! The last thing our First Responders (Sherriff, EMFD, USFS) need is to find the funds, and manpower to handle New Ranges. After Fire Mitigation funding...where would Public Ranges be on the priority list of additional funding!

Thank you

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