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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding proposals to manage shooting in Pike National Forest. I would support dedicated shooting areas, NOT disbursed shooting. There is plenty of history of disbursed shooting to evaluate the consequences of that. Of course there are responsible target shooters, but the destruction caused by irresponsible shooters near the Wye Campground, Frosty's Park, and off Mount Herman Road just to name a few, are evidence that disbursed shooting near such a large population center does not work. Apart from all the trash left behind and shot up trees, the safety of other users should be considered. I don't think the majority of people target shooting are consciously shooting too near trails and roads, but many times we've had to yell at someone to stop shooting to allow us to pass safely on a trail, where the shooter is not visible and appears to be shooting into the forest (not at a hillside away from trails or roads). This was also the case when the shooting range off Rampart Range Road was in use and not managed in any way (people occasionally shooting off over the canyon instead of into the hillside). Perhaps they didn't realize there was a trail there, but it was still irresponsible. I have no problem with target shooting, I simply think it shouldn't jeopardize the safety of other forest users and allow for the trash and destruction that has occurred in some areas.