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Comments: I live near Turkey Tracks shooting range in southern Douglas County Colorado. We are approximately 3 miles from the range and thus can clearly hear when shooting is occurring on the range which commonly happens both day and night (night shooting being illegal). I have been involved in the last 2 trash cleanups at this range where the trash situation is appalling...26-30 tons of trash were removed in each of these partial cleanups, still leaving significant trash scattered around the range area. This area has been continually abused and will continue to be abused. In addition to trash abuse, trees and signs have been destroyed, having been used as targets. Of significant concern is the fact that some signs were shot such that the bullets were headed in the direction of Highway 67 and populated areas beyond that.

So I ask why this is allowed to continue on our public lands. This shooting range (and very likely others like it) must be actively managed with personnel on site when open for use and set hours for use and the ability to be closed securely when not open for use OR the range should be permanently closed if it can not be properly managed and protected. THIS IS JUST PLAIN COMMON SENSE!

When is the Forest Service going to do the right things to preserve and protect the lands under their jurisdiction? I am 100% sure that this is something that is in their job title. So please start doing your job when it comes to these shooting ranges that are being seriously abused OR close them and stop the abuse. It is really that simple.