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Comments: As an avid hiker and mountain biker, I have had numerous 'close calls' and confrontations with individuals target practicing in the Pike National Forest near, and sometimes across existing trails. Many times they are firing off a ridgeline with no back-drop, and no idea of where their bullets are landing! I am a retired military member who has fired hundreds of rounds daily as part of his job, I am pro-gun and not opposed to target practice in our National Forest, but in my experience after using the numerous trails near USAFA, Monument and Palmer Lake for over 3 decades, there are way too many untrained and unsafe shooters using these areas to continue to allow un-regulated target practice. In my opinion, we must set up designanted, safe shooting locations, and ban open firing throughout the majority of the forest, to prevent yet another accidental death due to unregulated shooting in our woods.