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United States Forest Service

Target Shooting Project

Attn: Jennifer DeWoody

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my opinion on the two proposals for target shooting in the Pikes Peak, South Park and South Platte Ranger Districts.

I support the proposal to handle shooting conflicts on a case-by-case basis.

The "adaptive management" proposal closes too much federally own public land to recreational shooting.

With Colorado public lands becoming increasingly crowded on a daily basis, funneling people into smaller areas will only increase conflict and competition for recreational shooting opportunities.

Unfortunately, many recreational shooters are far from conscientious about their brass and target hygiene, i.e. they leave huge messes of spent shells, an endless variety of all different things to shoot at and generally, a plethora of litter.

This makes "organized" shooting areas undesirable to casual shooters like my family and I. We much prefer to find a secluded area where we can do our shooting in an unlittered location. When we're ready to leave, we can pick up our shell casings and any targets we brought without having to feel guilty about the huge mess that others have left behind.

Harris Park is unfortunately a prime example of the type of shooting area that described above. Even the Turkey Tracks area which is much more organized is less and desirable due to the litter.

In conclusion, please continue to police shooting areas individually rather than implementing even further restrictions on how the public and use their recreational lands.

Thank you,

Vincent DeShazer