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Comments: In 2021 the residents surrounding the Turkey Tracks proposed shooting range, provided an overwhelming objection to the proposal to construct a permanent shooting range at Turkey Tracks. Our concerns were as follows:

- Noise
- Trash
- Safety
- Funnel Effect
- Impact on local services
- Spill over into surrounding areas
- After hours shooting

The current proposal to develop the shooting range has done very little address the local concerns.

Because the forest service has received a grant from CPW to develop shooting ranges, all of that money has been dedicated to the shooting community and none to the local impacts.

The shooting community gets funding for

- Long range precision rifle range
- Omni directional range
- Hunting simulation range
- (3) pistol ranges
- (3) traditional rifle ranges
- (5) standard 50-100 yd ranges
- (5) Short range galleries

There is absolutely nothing in the master plan that provides funding for local resident concerns. The forest service has chosen to side with the shooting community and is passing all of the other impacts onto the locals to address.

NOISE - much of the design specifies natural berms and contours. There is no specifics as to the height of berms and shooting gallery designs. I'm pretty sure that there has been no professional consulting on noise impacts. If you care at all about the local noise effect, each gallery should have enclosed shooting shelters that minimize the noise effect and direct it away from the local populations

TRASH - Forest service has chosen to make this the responsibility of Focus on the Forest and local volunteers to cleanup after the shooting community. You know without the shooting range having a full time concessionaire, the shooting community has time and time again shown that they are not willing to police themselves and have absolutely no respect for the forest and other uses in the forest. Just look at Rampart Range, Turkey Tracks/FR 343, Old Stage Road, Gold Camp Road.... Do you really think their behavior is going to change at a developed range?

SAFTEY/IMPACT ON LOCAL SERVICES - Again - here is the forest service making the locals deal with it at their expense. All of the funding is directed to the shooting community and none to local impacts. It is our sheriff departments, fire departments, and emergency services that have to respond to the shooting community

incidents, taking away from the availability for locals that pay the taxes to support these services.

There is nothing in your design to deal with the traffic at the entrance to the shooting range where there have been numerous accidents over the years. Has the forest service done any traffic impact studies on Highway 67? Probably leaving that up to CDOT to install turn lanes at tax payer expense

FUNNEL EFFECT - Closing most of the rest of the Pike National Forest off to dispersed shooting, is going to send an enormous number of shooters to Turkey Tracks. Each of these ranges have from 1 to 10 lanes each. This results in 30-40 shooters at one time. Besides the incredible amount of noise this will create, it will not even come close to accommodating the 300-400 hundred shooters in the Pike Ranger District shooting on the weekends.

In addition, without a concessionaire to regulate shooting times, shooters are going to show up with their lunches, bbq's, lawn chairs, and lots of alcohol and tie up the ranges all day (and night) sending the rest of the shooters outside the range looking for places to shoot. These shooters are going to end up shooting in the surrounding areas when the shooting range is at capacity.

SPILOVER INTO SURROUNDING AREAS - Absolutely nothing addressed here! The Forest Service has done nothing to show what their plan is for spillover in the areas around the shooting range.

- Nothing on "no shooting zones" surrounding the shooting range
- Nothing on closing FR 343 from the shooting range to County Rd 78 where most of the spillover occurs now.
- Nothing about signage to discourage illegal shooting in surrounding areas
- Nothing on the proposed hours of operation and shooting range regulations
- Nothing on the fines for violating the national forest shooting regulations

AFTER HOURS SHOOTING - It's crazy the amount of shooting that occurs after dark in the national forest. The shooting range should have designated hours and a closed gate outside of those hours.

Okay - so we all understand there is two overwhelming issues concerning dispersed shooting.

- Dispersed shooting has become huge problem in the national forest over the last 10 years due to its increased popularity and is an allowed use.
- The Forest Service has no money.

So please tell me why the shooting community gets a free ride for their forest use, despite their huge overall negative impact and destruction, and diminishes the quality of other national forest uses.

If one wants to use the national forest for:

- Hunting - we have to purchase hunting licenses with regulations as to how, where and when. -Fishing - we have to purchase fishing licenses with regulations as to how, where, and when.
- OHV/ATV - we have to purchase OHV tags with regulations for designated trails
- Fuelwood - We have to purchase permits designating the location and amount
- Outfitters - Have to purchase permits designating location and time
- Camping - Developed campgrounds have a nightly fee
- Picnicking Day Use - Recreation areas charge a daily fee to use improved facilities
- Agricultural Grazing - Requires a permit for location, number of animals, and time frame

So PLEASE tell me why the shooting community pays nothing for their national forest impact. As an avid hunter and fisherman it really upsets me that a portion of my license fees that the CPW receives is going to shooting ranges for a community that pays nothing. If CPW is funding it, they should have to pay the \$40.00 State Wildlife

Area fee that all of us hunters and fishermen have to pay with our licenses to access CPW areas.

In Conclusion - the forest service proposal for the developed Turkey Tracks Shooting range has not been thoroughly considered. You know as well as I do that you're only exchanging one problem for another without dealing with local impacts and not requiring the shooting community to pay their own way.

- Since the forest service has no money, the shooting community should pay a day use fee to fund the range and its impacts.

- A full time concessionaire is a must to control most of the above issues dealing with hours of operation, trash, safety, and time allotment

- Shooting shelters and properly designed berms for noise mitigation should be part of the design

- Provide a no shooting zone in all of the areas surrounding the shooting range with signage and penalties for violators.

- And at the very least, which will cost the forest service very little, close FR 343 from the range to County Rd 78. This alone would mitigate most of the issues for a large amount of the population objecting to the shooting range in the West Creek Valley. Also would alleviate the huge safety risk of stray bullets along FR 343 adjacent to the range.