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Comments: I am writing in support of the proposal by the United States Forest Service (USFS) implementing an adaptive framework and integrated management of Target Shooting on the Pike National Forest. It is important that the USFS manage for and alleviate the effects of target shooting on the Pike National Forest, which includes the Pikes Peak, South Platte and South Park Ranger Districts.

With heavy recreational use from the nearby Front Range, developing and managing shooting ranges in place of dispersed targeted shooting within Pike National Forest is necessary. Establishing specific shooting ranges will not only benefit the safety of other forest users and recreationists, but will also minimize noise disturbances to wildlife, minimize forest fire risk, and reduce trash, litter and lead on our public lands.

I urge the USFS to move forward with the adaptive framework and integrated management of Target Shooting on the Pike National Forest.