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Comments: Please do not limit dispersed shooting. Regulation has already driven shooters farther into the forest. I suspect that many complaints against shooters are unproven and/or unfounded. I have been shooting in various areas of Pike National Forest for over 30 years and have never had a problem with "stray rounds" from other shooters or had any complaints of unsafe shooting against me or my shooting partners. We always pick up more trash than what we produced and have called the law enforcement officer or ranger office to notify them of discarded appliances or other large items that some people dump in the forest. One time it was a 2-axle trailer that still had inflated tires that we asked to be removed before it turned into a huge mess. The proposed organized/limited shooting ranges concentrate the activity and these types of ranges become eyesores/dumps and often become unsafe to use. Criminals know that there are guns present there and have stolen them from these types of ranges. People have also been shot and killed at this type of facility. I believe there will be no end to the problems created by creating concentrated shooting ranges. Dispersed shooting spreads any damage inflicted and often you can't tell that someone has been shooting. I know that often you can tell that shooting has happened since many dispersed shooting areas become popular and more heavily used simply because they are good, safe locations. Please enforce regulations on violators of safe shooting practices rather than the shooting community as a whole. The current situation is adequate and acceptable. There is no need to spend the time and money on shooting facilities. If money is available, it would be better spent on enforcement of current regulations.