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Comments: I was unable to make my objection on the website.

I object to the use of Pike National Forest for recreational target practice.

This is a terrible mis-use of public land. why do target shooters need practice in the National forest when there are facilities elsewhere? The safety measures alone should call for very strict use that we can't afford to monitor. I would much rather see tax dollars used for forest restoration. Also, as a society, we should be limiting, not expanding gun use.

I live in a semi-rural area where I often hear guns shot. My daughter, who lives nearby, has pointed out to me a ricocheted bullet lodged in the side of her house below my grandson's bedroom window. It is very disturbing.

I worry about another of precious values of living in Colorado being destroyed by greedy irresponsible and selfish people. We are an active family who like to camp, fish and hunt in the National forest lands. Please don't take away our sense of security and right to enjoy these special places.

My son-in-law, a fireman, pointed out that shooting practice along side people you don't know is a bad idea. Access to aid is limited. How far a bullet can range can be completely obscured.

As with any laws, people look for ways to circumvent them. Shooters will see this as an opportunity to just add a semi-automatic weapon into the mix. Or, shoot nearby the range instead of in the confinement of a range. Or, shoot wildlife or disrupt their God-given habitat.

There's a reason shooting ranges are few and far between. Let's not spoil it, folks.