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Comments: My response pertains to Turkey Tracks only, as I'm unfamiliar with the other venues.

Turkey Tracks was created to provide National Forest shooters a safe, defined location to shoot. Prior to that time, shooting was uncontrolled in the National Forest. It is an ideal area as it is away from homes, vegetation is sparse (due to the 2002 Hayman fire) and the impact area is a mountain side away from roads. Although some shooters leave "trash" at Turkey Tracks, at least it is in an area where it can be removed. Many of the regular shooters at Turkey Tracks bring extra trash bags to pick up "someone else's" trash. Friends of the Forest volunteers also do a wonderful job cleaning up after the irresponsible.

If Turkey Tracks is replaced by a "conventional" shooting range, I predict that that the problems of safety, vegetation destruction, fire and trash will resurface in the Forest.