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Comments: Please do close most of the forest to dispersed shooting. As a day hiker and backpacker, I have had nothing but negative experiences with the people engaged in dispersed shooting and the areas that have experienced it. On many occasions, I have come across the trash left behind by shooters bullets, broken bottles, aluminum cans, bullet casings, paper targets and miscellaneous trash. Additionally, I have found trees with bullet holes in them and in some cases trees that were fatally damaged. Frequently, I have encountered very drunk people shooting dangerously close to hiking trails. There have been several occasions when there were children with us while the drunks shot recklessly as we passed. There have been many occasions when we were hiking on marked trails and we've heard shots fired nearby, later encountering folks who'd decided to set up a shooting range and shoot into the area we were hiking in. The shooting did not stop even when we called out our location. People often act irresponsibly without supervision and who wants to interact with drunks with guns or people who have been shooting into an area knowing there are hikers there. Possibly there are responsible dispersed area shooters, I wouldn't know, I have never met one.