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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

I write specifically about what we orienteers call the Round Mountain area in Pike National Forest N of hwy 24, W of Tarryall Road. I have visited this area perhaps 20 times for setup, competition and cleanup for orienteering meets. It is a particularly valuable area and we have held international meets here.

We have heard shots occasionally from the vicinity of Little Wing Rock, just E of Round Mountain itself, while we were competing. Although the course setters try to avoid any hazards, the nature of orienteering is that any competitor might make navigation choices which take them anywhere on the map (except marked out-of-bounds areas). Having people discharging (potentially high-velocity) weapons in unknown locations in unknown directions is dangerous for orienteers and anyone else hiking, biking or wheeling in the vicinity. I therefore object to any permit for discharge of weapons in the Round Mountain area. This also applies generally to any orienteering map. I can send a list of orienteering maps in Colorado on request. BTW: Orienteering maps are of extremely high quality, often from recent LIDAR topographic data and field-checked on the scale of 10 m. It is possible that the forest service could use these maps in particular areas for particular purposes. They have about 5x the resolution of any Forest Service map. Contact RMOC.org for more information.