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Comments: I enjoy leisurely drives through the forest that take me away from the scary things that go on in the world from time to time. When I was a child, I was threatened with gun violence and have dealt with ptsd and anxiety since then for years. On several occasions I have been out on a drive and encountered people target shooting; legally and illegally. I've seen people taking the correct precautions and I have seen people out there shooting with large groups of kids, dogs, and chaos running around at the shooting site. I have seen millions of bullets, casings, and shotgun shells imbedded and littered on the ground. I have seen people do clay shooting and leave their debris everywhere. I have seen people with bump stocks on their guns to make them like automatic weapons. I've heard the news stories of people getting accidentally shot while riding through shooting areas riding bicycles. While I ride by these target shooting areas, how am I to know if the people operating these weapons are sane people and not going to just start shooting at me in a random act of gun violence? I avoid these areas unless I have to ride through them and every single time I endure a panic attack if people are openly firing. It's terrifying for me. A lot of these areas are not patrolled and people can pretty much do whatever they want. On one camping trip, the people next to us just kept firing their guns at their campsite all day. We asked them nicely to stop for a bit and they became hostile and did it more...eventually forcing us out of our campsite and yelling obscenities at us. We had dogs with us and if they were mistaken for a wild animal and shot, these people would probably run off and we would never catch them. Bottom line is, there needs to be some control if it continues. People treat the woods like their personal playgrounds and it's terrible how destructive they can be. I understand it's a right to own certain guns and people hunt animals for food, but the things I see when I am driving through the forest sometimes around target areas is sad, scary, and upsetting if you have been around gun violence before. These are lethal weapons, and people need to be more careful and more considerate in public if they use them. Especially with how much gun violence we have in the world today. How many of the folks are also drinking or smoking marijuana? That will undoubtedly hinder someone's senses. The number of semi automatic weapons I have encountered is shocking alone. There are many shooting ranges and areas in buildings that can achieve the goals of target shooters. Not all gun owners are considerate of other people and I am thankful of those who are responsible. Thanks for your attention.