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Comments: The demographics and behaviors of shooters in our state have changed over time, and quite dramatically in recent years. With an influx of populations from other states, and countries and with the influence of video games and the decline in mental health shooters in general have become noticeably more reckless and irresponsible, and ignorant and unsafe. The predominant demographic of hunters and sport shooters, who have been properly trained in safe firearm handling and operation has shifted to a predominant demographic of wannabe (or actual) gangbangers, video game fantasizers and mentally imbalanced, socially irresponsible self-centered people who do not take the safety or wellbeing of others into account, nor are considerate in cleaning up after themselves while in the National Forest.

Therefore, I support the proposal to establish better controls and higher scrutiny of public shooting in National Forests as proposed. Ideally in such a manner, such as check-in/check-out so shooters can be held accountable for improper behavior and reasonable safety can be maintained without such areas becoming unduly locked down with draconian controls that exist in private indoor ranges or Cherry Creek shooting center that limits responsible shooters from having a diverse/creative shooting experience such as different distances, target types and targets in-motion. My prime example is the shooting area off Hwy 67 north of Woodland Park, which I no longer frequent due to the dangers and the trash. This is an example of what can not be allowed to continue.