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Comments: I have a home in the Pike National Forest area. I support the Forest Service initiative to better manage shooting in the forest. Population has grown and it has added to the danger of accidents whether they be personal injuries or fires or misuse of the national forest in general. Action is needed and overdue. I support the proposed change as is:

The Forest Service has developed three alternatives which include: the no action alternative, where no changes would be made in the management of target shooting activities; the proposed action, which would identify and close areas unsuitable for dispersed target shooting activities, develop at least one shooting range on each ranger district (meaning a minimum of three shooting ranges, nine potential sites identified), and define an adaptive management framework to manage target shooting in the future; and a reduced-closure alternative, which is the same as the proposed action but would close a smaller amount of area to target shooting. The project will not affect legal hunting activities.