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Comments: I am against closing the present open and free shooting ranges in the State of Colorado in Pike National Forest. Free and open shooting is a great family outing and sport and helps promote safe firearm and hunting practices--probably promoting safety and saving lives more than the one rare fatality that has been referenced.

Management of these areas, not closure, is needed so that so-called fire dangers are mitigated.

There are ways to maintain these areas without closure, costs, and limitations by the present bureaucratic mechanisms and services in place. They just have to be more active in visiting and in posting rules (e.g. cleaning up procedures). FINES can be imposed on those that break such rules.

Closure however and more limitations are not necessary.