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Comments: While I support the program I am strongly opposed to the 704 and 865 locations. 704 is located less than 1/2 mile from the Wilkerson Pass subdivision. Since the fire/tree mitigation the noise from such a large facility will be unbearable and destroy the quiet enjoyment of our neighborhood. The 865 location is only another 1/2 mile away. We are in a valley after topping the pass and the noise will be unbearable.

In addition, on weekends, traffic on US 24 is bumper to bumper in the afternoons and this will only compound traffic safety as people are turning and pulling out onto 24.

704 and 865 are in wildlife migration areas as well. Elk are routinely seen grazing at the corner of Park Co 90 and US 24, a shooting ranch will destroy their habitat.

The range will be unattended by NFS personnel, within the last couple years a wildfire was started by shooters in the area, while mitigation has been done, thousand of acres of the Pike Forest are at risk to wildfire from these 2 locations. Furthermore, major communication towers are located on Badger Mountain which is basically above the proposed location of the 704 and 865 ranges. The loss of communication because of a wildfire would be catastrophic. Please choose another location.

In conclusion, please select another location. 704 and 865 are just outside a subdivision of several homes, traffic on 24 will become even more congested and dangerous, the wildfire risk plus disturbing the wildlife habitat makes these two locations far less than desirable.