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Comments: Understanding that the status quo of dispersed target shooting cannot continue due to the poor practices of some current, irresponsible/reckless users who (1) are unsafe and (2) do not clean up after themselves, I offer a few observations on the proposed, consolidated ranges.

(1) The proposed consolidation of shooters in defined, traditional "laned" ranges may decrease risk to bystanders, but the tradeoff is greatly increased risk to the shooters themselves, by concentrating their activities in close proximity to one another. The establishment of defined guidelines on unsupervised range etiquette is advisable; to ensure users review these guidelines, consider a permitting regime that requires users to obtain a "tag" or license of some sort, that includes a review of safety rules.

(2) Although it's not currently defined as an official range, the current arrangement at Turkey Tracks is ideal. It strikes the right balance between concentration of target shooting activity and space; the current "lanes" are spaced approx. 50m apart, which allows shooters to shoot while moving, adjust targets, etc. without much concern of what shooters in adjacent lanes are doing. This arrangement should be preserved or, in the alternative, omni-directional pits should be maximized.

(3) For the closure of the presently, heavily used areas in the Rampart Range to be successful, the alternative defined ranges will need to be both suitable and relatively close. As proposed, the only two nearby options will be Turkey Tracks and 370-i. While Turkey Track presents a good alternative (although the proposed, shoulder-to-shoulder replacement formal ranges are worse than the status quo, per points 1 and 2 above), the range design at 370-i does not appear to be an attractive options. As rendered, 370-i looks to be limited to 3 identical, short, and adjacent pistol ranges, each with shoulder-to-shoulder lanes. The absence of an opportunity to shoot longer distances, or to set up targets that allow shooting while moving (in omni-directional bays or widely spaced lanes) may not be a sufficient alternative to achieve compliance and draw current shooters from the areas being used in Rampart Range.

In short, for the cessation of dispersed target shooting to be enforceable and successful, there will need to be more/adequate/nearby alternatives for the population of shooters (largely from El Paso county) that currently use the Rampart Range area.