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Comments: I am strongly opposed to the 704 and 865 locations. 704 is located less than 1 mile from the Wilkerson Pass subdivision. The 865 location is only another 1/2 mile away.

The noise from the few shooters in the proposed areas is very loud in our subdivision. Adding a shooting range would kill the enjoyment we have from lack of external noises.

This will increase traffic on 24.

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

Should the range be unattended by NFS personnel, thousands of acres of the Pike Forest are at risk to wildfire from these 2 locations, not to mention vandalism and lack of safety enforcement. 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 select another location. 704 and 865 are just outside a subdivision of 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.

Please choose another location.