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Comments: I am concerned about further restrictions of public use, specifically shooting, in Pike National Forest. Shooting is a time honored tradition, and so is packing out trash. But, failure of the USFS to police its own regulations is not a reason to punish those who use the forest responsibly. The USFS has attempted to limit other use, specifically OHV use in the area near my home, and fails to accomplish those objectives, regularly. The signs put up in summer 2024 were pulled from the ground and thrown into a nearby creek within a week of them being put up. Despite promises of increased patrols and enforcement, there has been none. I am a frequent forest user, I call in and put out numerous unattended fires, weekly, but I have not seen ONE enforcement person in the forest since early summer of 2024 when they installed those signs. If you can't enforce that, why should we think you can effectively enforce shooting bans. I don't enjoy constant noise from some who are irresponsible, but it's less obnoxious that the barking dogs of irresponsible owners in our area. "Help" people follow existing rules, and leave those who do alone, but don't make more rules you won't be able or unwilling g to enforce.