



Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland



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Public Scoping Begins on Management Direction for Recreational Sport Shooting

FORT COLLINS, Colo. – The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests announced the public scoping process on a proposal to include Forest Plan management direction for recreational sport shooting activities on National Forest System lands in Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, Larimer and Park counties.

Currently, the 1997 Forest Plan does not provide any specific direction on how recreational sport shooting should be managed. Due to increasing residential development, housing density, public use, increased public participation in recreational sport shooting and associated health and safety issues; the U.S. Forest Service is considering amending the Forest Plan to include direction for managing recreational sport shooting.

Management direction may include:

- (1) Developing Forest Plan goals, objectives or desired conditions for recreational sport shooting;
- (2) Identifying areas that are appropriate for dispersed recreational sport shooting;
- (3) Identifying areas suitable as designated shooting areas; and
- (4) Identifying areas where recreational sport shooting would be prohibited for health and safety reasons.

Proposed management direction does not include any change in management for lawful hunting activities.

The U.S. Forest Service is requesting comments on this proposal. Public comments will help shape the Forest Service's proposal and identify issues and concerns during environmental review. While comments are welcome at any time, they will be most helpful if received by June 3, 2015. Comments can be submitted in writing or electronically at comments-rm-arapaho-roosevelt@fs.fed.us, Information about this project and how to comment can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/recshootingmgt. For more information about recreational sport shooting visit: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/targetshooting.

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