

**Tahuya State Forest Target Shooting Open House**  
**Listening Station Public Comments**  
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**Tahuya Blacksmith Listening Station**

- There should be two areas to accommodate pistols and rifles together on the same range
- Accessibility needs to be addressed
- Use jersey barriers to eliminate garbage and direct debris
- Need better signage during hunting seasons to keep all users informed
- Tahuya Blacksmith is better for pistols, short range
- Need to put the maps online
- Need a paid position supervising and training volunteers
- Need to ensure better communication with authorities
- Range manager is an important component
- King County Shooting Complex by Black Diamond is a great example
- There should be a Range officer/ Safety Program
- Need to maximize volunteer opportunities
- Should locate the final site where there was a recent timber sale
- Tahuya Blacksmith is a good place for a shorter range
- Use Jersey Barriers to separate the ranges
  - o There are both pros and cons of mixing and separating pistol and rifle ranges
- It should be more of a self-managed range
- Use Hesco rock cages as barriers
- Make the survey available online

**Mission/Hurd Listening Station**

- The speed of the project and estimated timeline don't seem fast enough
- A designated target shooting range might spur increases in illegal campfires and garbage
- There is a need for increased educational outreach around target shooting
- There is illegal dumping on Hurd Road
- DNR will need to consider wetland mitigation during construction
- DNR will have to build berms (the landscape would require it) and use them for lead recovery
- The size of the range isn't clear at this time, but it will need to be big enough to sight rifles

- The range needs to be able to accommodate a hunter education class
- The range needs to have cell phone coverage to dial 911
- DNR should have GPS coordinates of the potential site in the e-news and online
- Dialing 911 does work throughout the forest
- There should be a hard-wired phone available at the range to call in emergencies
- A range officer needs to be available at the range to monitor activities
- Open the Kitsap Rifle and Revolver club
- A future target range would benefit from a broader Forest Watch volunteer presence, increased education and an enforced firing line
- Increased signage would be important in providing educational information at the range
- Tahuya Blacksmith might be a good site for pistol (due to increased elevation and the lack of nearby landowners)
- There may be an opportunity for a private/public relationship around the target shooting range to boost local economy
- The proposed Mission Hurd site wouldn't be a good site to face north to northeast, but DNR could modify with berms
- This site would be conducive to shooting in a southerly direction
- Across from Elfendahl Pass about 3 miles from here would be a better location for a proposed target shooting range
- DNR should do more research on distance for bullet travel (3 ½ to 4 miles) and its implications for this site
- This site would need a bullet impact area, which would help with claiming lead
- The Washington State Patrol has a computer program that helps to determine a bullet's path and energy
- DNR needs to do additional outreach with the Navy. Bremerton Naval Hospital Section Force and Bangor Security Force, which are both active duty, do occasional clean-up efforts at areas in Tahuya State Forest where people currently target shoot
- DNR will need to consider the cost of wetland mitigation and how long it might take
- If DNR designates a site for target shooting, it shouldn't have the same feel as a private shooting range
- A designated shooting range needs to enhance safety for other forest visitors on nearby trails
- DNR should consider partnering with Sportsmen's Warehouse to share educational materials
- Items on maps need to be kept consistent for scale
- There needs to be clear messaging around the location of the Mission Hurd location, so that it is no confused with Shoofly pit. This could be achieved through signs.
- The site DNR designates shouldn't include a fee to access (beyond the Discover Pass to park)

### **Alternate Location Map\* Listening Station**

NOT ON MAP – What about using West Tahuya block, end Bald Point-Vista Road. Need more than one shooting area. (Nathan knows where)

1. Little valley, safe, faces north (not shooting into the sun), 200 yards for rifle, off to side for pistol, close in
2. Ditto #1
3. Road access for emergency or fire, no homes to the north, easy to get to, valley – safer

NOTE: If you have a Range, you need a Range Officer – look at KRRC

4. Big site, has logging road, gentling rolling- can make berm, may need to move trail, No homes
5. Away from their homes, easy access for shooters and emergency
6. Moves shooting away from their homes
7. Not near home and people, do not mess with Zen
8. Better than Shoofly for rifle

NOTE: Need two shooting areas – one rifle, one pistol/shotgun

9. Close access, good site, adequate parking
10. Less apt to shoot off Hurd Road if range is NOT located off Hurd Road. Shoofly needs to be closed, it affects neighbors

(\* Numbered comments above correspond to dots that participants placed on a map of Tahuya State Forest. Dots indicate a location each participant thought might be an appropriate area for consideration of a shooting range.)