

**DNR Recreation - Capitol State Forest Target Shooting Meeting**  
**June 2, 2016**  
**Community Feedback**

**1. What experiences have you had, negative or positive, with target shooting on DNR-managed lands?**

**Negative**

Unsafe  
Litter/garbage  
People dump and then  
Overcrowded Triangle Pit  
Lack of supervision  
The unknown of where and what direction is threatening  
Skeet shooting debris falling on bikers  
Sign vandalism  
Noise is disturbing to horses, residents  
After-dark shooting is disturbing  
Shooting across trails and on landings  
Consistency in law enforcement  
Not following regulations  
Unknown how to report an incident  
As a volunteer they are spending too much time picking up garbage shot by target shooting  
Fall Creek trailhead is a problem area  
Shooting at bathrooms  
Shooting with no backstops  
Mutual confusion between users  
Confusion at the firing line  
Early AM noise in a rural area  
Locked gates  
Needs skeet opportunity

**Positives**

It's a clean and looks good in shooting areas  
Good spots to shoot with family and friends  
Work with shooting community like other recreationists and it will be solvable  
Behavior in the pit between users is good  
Convenience and pleasant environment  
People want to share  
Outdoor experiences for long-range shooting  
Price  
Brass salvage  
Getting outdoors  
Multiple kinds of shooting in one spot

Camping and shooting are good to do together  
Opportunity to learn gun skills  
Allows you to meet up socially

**2. How do you think target shooting should be managed in this state forest?**

Designated ranges with volunteers and grants  
Big areas to keep from becoming too condensed  
Signs  
Safety Zones with signs like the horse trails at Mima Mounds and Margaret McKenny  
Shooting permitted in designated safe places and nowhere else  
Adequate berms and backstops  
Posted rules on the board at the entrance  
Dumpsters/garbage pick-up  
Coordination with responsible gun groups to provide information and education  
Educating shooter and other users about multi-use  
More controls at “the pit” with shooting groups and Forest Watch volunteers  
Educate shooters  
Involve community in the process  
Teach how to report violations  
Make quality, attractive sites  
Designated non-shooting areas  
Go after funds for shooting areas  
Re-work the WAC, or at least post the rules  
Guard shacks to search for garbage being dumped in the forest  
Smaller, safe locations-possibly 12  
Need to know where we can/can't shoot

**3. How does target shooting should be managed in this state forest complement or compete with other nearby recreation opportunities or businesses?**

Gun ranges are different – they don't compete  
Low cost allows people to buy local ammunition instead of pay for gun fees  
Competes with other uses  
Races, another economic activity, are negatively impacted  
Non-shooters don't understand how shooters are managed  
DNR compliments other gun uses because it's accessible and inexpensive – good for inexperienced users  
At capacity - No more ranges in area or if they do, they have waiting lists  
This is the best local place to go  
The only place in the region for long-distance shooting  
Look at WDFW Master-hunter program, like Forest Watch  
Downloadable permit  
Special fee

**4. Do you have a specific location where you enjoy target shooting?**

Triangle Pit  
Low Bank  
B8000 Pit – quiet and clean  
Abandoned pit on the D-Line  
D1500  
A4400 North Rim  
Green Line  
End of roads

**5. What type of shooting are you hoping to do?**

All kinds  
Military skills Move and shoot  
600-1000 yards  
0-100 yards for new shooter  
0-25 for pistol  
Family shooting  
Reactive targets  
Rifles, pistols, shotgun  
Archery  
Self-defense practice  
Short range  
Long range

**6. What sort of amenities should a shooting area have?**

Covered,  
Dirt backstop  
Dumpsters  
Restrooms  
Target point firing line  
Marked-off yardage  
Graded backstop so you can pick up your rounds  
Partnering with local businesses Mega-arms  
Organized parking  
Camera surveillance  
Trail counters  
Orientation training  
Some safe dispersed shooting – not near trails or homes  
Name the sites so they can be found on a map  
Adopt-a-site partnerships and signs  
Concrete barriers

- Brass collection bins
- Tables
- Noise mitigation
- Informational signage
- Easy way to report issues and know the jurisdiction you're in
- Website notifications on whether it's open or closed
- Parking
- The ability to capture lead
- Trash bags

**7. What other information do we need?**

- The numbers and growth trends
- Look at what other states have done
- Engage shooting community
- Rotate shooting areas to mitigate noise impact
- Self-organize the shooting community around education, safety, etc.
- Understand the difference between responsible shooters and individuals that do not interact or follow rules

**8. How would you like to receive information about the next step of this process?**

- E-mail
- Webpage
- List-serve
- Discover Pass holders
- Radio stations
- Facebook
- Kiosks
- Advisory group meeting
- Invite shooters to be a part of the conversation

**Unique comments not covered above that came from written submissions:**

- Enforcement with clear signs with down-road trails marked
- 911 isn't feasible
- Apply for grants for more enforcement
- Enforce current laws
- Create group for volunteer wardens or stewards
- Partner with the NRA
- Partner with companies and shooting groups on adopt-a-site locations
- E-line South open for dispersed target shooting where there are no trails
- Fewer locked gates to allow dispersed
- Staff "gates" at entrances

Signs at 500-ft distances to trails and sites

Develop more "pits" for shooting

Handicap shooting access

Lifting of "after-dark" restrictions

Sign areas open to shooting, rather than areas closed to shooting