DNR Recreation - Capitol State Forest Target Shooting Meeting
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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