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Larimer County Commissioners
200 West Oak, Suite 2200
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Dear Larimer County Commissioners:

I am writing to acknowledge and support your upcoming review of the proposed “Resolution to Limit the Discharge of Firearms in Crystal Lakes Area and portions of Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests” at a public hearing on January 11, 2021.

As you are aware, I signed a decision notice regarding recreational sport shooting management on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in June of 2019. This decision resulted from several years of collaborative assessment and planning between the Forest Service and members of the Northern Front Range Recreational Sport Shooting Management Partnership, including Larimer County. The recreational sport shooting management decision identified National Forest lands which are unsuitable for recreational sport shooting and a collaborative plan to provide alternate opportunities for recreational sport shooting to the public prior to closing areas deemed unsuitable. This decision also identified an adaptive management process to allow the Forest Service to respond to future changing conditions and safety concerns.

The Resolution you are currently reviewing is another result of the work that we have done together. I appreciate that Larimer County shares our desire to provide a safe environment for Forest users and residents adjacent to National Forest lands. We plan to continue our adaptive management review and proceed with next steps, which could include closing some areas to recreational sport shooting.

I appreciate the continued partnership from Larimer County on this difficult issue, and we understand that any action on Larimer County’s part regarding shooting closures would be for a limited duration. We are committed to continuing our decision implementation process and to working with the community to resolve these ongoing issues.

Sincerely,

MONTE WILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor

cc: Katie Donahue, Don Simpson, Daylan Figgs


