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Re: Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting Plan Amendment

To Whom It May Concern:

The Utah County Commission requests that the BLM take into account the following concerns expressed by the public regarding the Eastern Lake Mountains Target Shooting Plan Amendment:

1. The proposed shooting range is unlikely to satisfy current demand, particularly on the weekends. Utah County Sheriff Jim Tracy estimates that between 500-700 people participate in target shooting in the area on the weekends, and the proposed shooting range cannot satisfy this demand.
2. Closing off all target shooting in surrounding areas is problematic because the proposed shooting range is too short for long-distance target shooters.
3. The proposed closures could magnify safety concerns by putting all target shooters in closer proximity to one another.
4. Illegal target shooting (e.g., shooting on private property or shooting at Native American petroglyphs) is a law enforcement issue, and closing off thousands of acres to target shooting is a draconian response.
5. SITLA is also considering a proposal to close off thousands of acres of its land in the area to target shooting, which will further limit access to target shooting options.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Larry Ellertson
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