

Shooting on Forest Service Land

Target shooting is allowed on national forest or grassland unless restricted. Check your local ranger district for more information about local restriction.

Prohibited:

- In or within 150 yards from a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation area or occupied area.
- Across or on a national forest or grassland road or body of water.
- In any manner or place where any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge.
- Into or within a cave.
- Firing tracer bullets or incendiary ammunition.
- Disturbing, injuring, destroying, or in any way damaging any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resource, structure, site, artifact, property.
- Abandoning any personal property or failing to dispose of all garbage, including targets, paper, cans, bottles, appliances.

In general, you should target shoot only if you:

- Use approved targets. Certain forests may have specific restrictions, such as the type of targets used (i.e. cardboard targets, paper targets, clay pigeons).
 - Exploding targets are not recommended and are restricted on many forests or grasslands for safety and fire concerns.
- Use approved targets along with a safe, "bullet-proof" backstop. Do not to attach your targets to vegetation or structures, such as; trees, log decks, slash piles, fences, or water tanks.
- Practice safe gun handling by:
 - Treating every gun as if it is loaded.
 - Never letting the muzzle of a firearm point at anything you do not intend to shoot.
 - Keeping your finger off of the trigger until your sights are on the target and you are ready to shoot.
 - Making sure of your target and what is beyond.
- Are not in possession of alcoholic beverages while discharging a firearm.