



November 6, 2018

Dear Forest Stakeholder:

You are receiving this email because you provided input on the proposal to authorize the Union County, Ga., government to construct a target range on National Forest System lands. One factor the USDA Forest Service will analyze for this proposal is the potential noise from gunfire and related effects in the surrounding area.

**A live-fire test will occur at the site on November 8, 2018, at approximately 8:30 a.m.**

Only authorized persons will be allowed admittance to the proposed range itself during the test for safety purposes. The test will allow local residents and stakeholders to experience potential noise effects in the vicinity of the proposed target range. The proposed site for this project is located off Highway 180 between mile markers 18 and 19 on Land lot 212, District 16, Section 1 south of FS Road 292 and consists of approximately 15 acres of National Forest land.

*How to Submit Your Comments*

Specific written comments as defined by §218.2 should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner. While comments will be accepted any time during the process, to establish standing for objection eligibility, scoping comments must be received by November 13, 2018. Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on these proposed actions and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents or standing for administrative review (§218.24).

Only those who respond to this request for comments will remain on the mailing list for this project. The responsible official for this project is the Chattahoochee-Oconee Forest Supervisor. Submit electronic comments at the Union County Target Range Project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54559> by selecting the "Comment on Project" link in the "Get Connected" group at the right hand side of the project webpage.

Please state "Union County Target Range Project" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf). Specific written comments may also be submitted by mail to: Andrew L. Baker, District Ranger, ATTN: Nelson Gonzalez-Sillow and/or Jerome Bennett, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501, or by fax: 770-297-3011.



The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 9:00 am to 12:00, 1:00 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Nelson E. Gonzalez-Sullow, Forest Environmental Coordinator, (770) 297-3000, and/or Jerome Bennett, Special Use Coordinator, email: [comments-blueridge@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-blueridge@fs.fed.us)

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests.

Sincerely,

/s/Andrew Baker  
ANDREW BAKER  
District Ranger