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I would like to start this comment by pointing out the obvious, we recreational shooters who have utilized public lands in a safe and responsible way are as concerned about safety in the area if not more concerned than most. People who are familiar with firearms understand very well how dangerous being irresponsible or negligent with them can be. We are intimately familiar with their capabilities and have a tremendous amount of respect for the harm they can cause if used inappropriately. At the same time we understand that they can be used safely as demonstrated by the fact that there are no known instances of injury or death in the area due to firearm related accidents. That's a pretty good track record. I would hazard a guess that it's far more dangerous to drive on Highway 238 to access the area than it is to be injured by the reckless or irresponsible use of firearms while in the area.

I wonder how many thousands, or tens of thousands of people have used firearms in this area over the years? And yet in all that time they have been able to do so safely.

We understand and share the same concerns as everyone else who wishes to enjoy this wonderful public resource. History shows that law-abiding responsible gun owners can use this area, as they have in the past without putting the general public or themselves at risk. I believe it's completely inappropriate to ban lawful firearm use in the area.