



## FACT SHEET

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## Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Resource Management Plan Revision

### FACT SHEET: Target Shooting Policy

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It is the policy of the Bureau of Land Management to allow the safe use of firearms on public lands as long as such activity is permitted by federal, state, and local laws. On public lands in the Billings Field Office there are no designated target shooting sites managed by the BLM. Currently, target shooting is prohibited in *some* areas due to high public use and resource concerns. These locations include high use recreation areas and certain other areas where posted, like Pompeys Pillar National Monument and ACEC.

Through the Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Draft RMP/EIS, the Billings Field Office has identified other areas proposed for target shooting closures. These additional areas were identified due to damage to natural or cultural resources or for safety concerns. The Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument Draft RMP/EIS would allow target shooting in appropriate areas and prohibit target shooting in areas with resource conflicts (refer to management actions by alternative in the table below for areas available/prohibited to target shooting).

The Billings Field office does not designate specific target shooting sites but would pursue or facilitate the transfer of fee title ownership of suitable areas commonly used for shooting areas to interested local governments or organizations. The Billings Field office can also employ the patent provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, 43 U.S.C. § 1721, to convey ownership of lands for shooting ranges to non-profit organizations or local governments with the stipulation of non-revision of fee title and with no monitoring requirements by BLM (refer to the Land Tenure and Access section).



The following table summarizes the total acres available for target shooting, specifically identifies the locations for target shooting closures, and provides rationale for closures.

**Areas Identified with Resource or Safety Concerns**

	<b>Alternative A (No Action)</b>	<b>Alternative B</b>	<b>Alternative C</b>	<b>Alternative D (Preferred)</b>
<b>17 Mile Recreation Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 2,080 acres open – ERMA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 2,080 acres open</li> <li>• SRMA established - Management emphasis on shooting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 2,080 acres open</li> <li>• ERMA established - No management emphasis</li> </ul>	
<b>Four Dances Natural Area ACEC/SRMA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 784 acres closed for resource and safety concerns.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 784 acres closed for resource and safety concerns.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> <li>• Managed as SRMA</li> </ul>		
<b>Sundance Lodge SRMA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 387 acres closed for resource and safety concerns.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 387 acres closed for safety concerns</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> <li>• Managed as SRMA</li> </ul>		
<b>Acton Recreation Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,697 acres closed for resource and safety concerns.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,697 acres closed for resource and safety concerns.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> <li>• SRMA established for general recreation activities</li> </ul>		
<b>Shepherd Ah-Nei Recreation Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4,689 acres closed for recreation safety concern.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4,689 acres closed for recreation safety concerns.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> <li>• SRMA established for OHV and general primitive recreation.</li> </ul>		
<b>South Hills Recreation Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,357 acres closed for safety concerns.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,357 acres closed for safety concerns.</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> <li>• SRMA established for OHV activities</li> </ul>		
<b>Pompeys Pillar National Monument and ACEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 432 acres closed for resource concerns</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 432 acres closed for resource concerns</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> <li>• Historical emphasis</li> </ul>		
<b>Castle Butte ACEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 184 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 184 acres closed for resource concerns</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>		
<b>Weatherman Draw ACEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 4,365 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4,986 acres closed</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12,277 acres closed</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	
<b>Petroglyph Canyon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 240 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 240 acres closed</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>		
<b>Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range and East Pryor ACEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 29,550 acres open (PMWHR and ACEC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8,301 acres closed for resource concerns</li> <li>• 0 acres open (PMWHR and ACEC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 32,767 acres open (PMWHR and ACEC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not allowed in T.8 S., R. 28 E., from Memorial Day through Labor day for resource concerns</li> <li>• Approximately 6,720 acres (PMWHR and ACEC)</li> </ul>
<b>Asparagus Point Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 acres closed for safety concerns (parking area)</li> <li>• 156 acres open</li> <li>• Managed as ERMA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 acres closed for safety concerns (parking area)</li> <li>• 156 acres open</li> <li>• Managed as ERMA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 acres closed for safety concerns (parking area)</li> <li>• 156 acres open</li> <li>• Managed as SRMA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 acres closed for safety concerns (parking area)</li> <li>• 156 acres open</li> <li>• Managed as SRMA</li> </ul>
<b>Stark Site ACEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 799 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 799 acres closed for resource concerns</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 799 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 799 acres closed for resource concerns</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>
<b>Grove Creek ACEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 8,251 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8,251 acres closed for resource concerns</li> <li>• 0 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 9,445 acres open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 acres closed</li> <li>• 8,251 acres open</li> </ul>
<b>Total Field Office – BLM administered public lands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11,348 acres closed to target shooting</li> <li>• 422,185 acres open to target shooting (Map 102)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34,109 acres closed for resource/safety concerns (Map 103)</li> <li>• 400,045 acres open to target shooting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24,049 acres closed for resource/safety concerns (Map 104)</li> <li>• 410,105 acres open to target shooting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31,586 acres closed for resource/safety concerns (Map 105)</li> <li>• 402,568 acres open to target shooting</li> </ul>