

# Target Shooting Reporting Form

**Full Name**

**Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Phone**

**E-mail address**

**Date the incident was observed**

**Trail Name and Location (Name of the Forest, Park or Area)**

**What type of activity did you see? (check all that apply)**

- Encountered someone firing across trail
- Came upon someone shooting along a road or trail
- Witnessed a target shooter not using a proper backstop
- Found resource damage caused by target shooting
- Discovered trash remains from target shooting

**Anything else you would like to tell us about what you found?**

**Did you take photos?**  Yes  No

**Did you report this incident to the local authorities?**  Yes  No

**If so, please provide the name of the person in the agency.**

**Additional Comments:**

**May we release your contact information to police or land management officials?**  Yes  No

WTA believes that there is room enough for everyone in the outdoors, but there is no excuse for endangering the safety of other people engaged in recreation. The prevalence of target shooting on many National Forest lands is a special hazard—a danger that is preventable, given reasonable enforcement of regulations and sensitivity on the part of target shooters. In the past several years, particularly as our forests have become more urban, WTA have received increasing reports of hikers having uncomfortable encounters with target shooting. In many places, the Forest Service and other agencies have worked proactively to address the problem. In other areas, more enforcement and management is needed.

It is important to acknowledge that target shooting practiced in an appropriate location and with sensitivity does not pose a hazard to hikers. When target shooters fire into proper backstops—such as earthen berms and haybales—and account for their fired rounds, they are using our public lands appropriately. When they do not do so, they are endangering other Forest users and wildlands resources.

WTA created this form in an effort to help land managers better track illegal shooting. If you encounter what you believe to be illegal or irresponsible gun use while on trail, please provide us with the information. When appropriate, we will pass these details along to the proper authorities. WTA will summarize the results in a report to inform land managers of the extent of the problem. If you have questions please contact WTA advocacy director Jonathan Guzzo at (206) 625-1367 or jonathan@wta.org.

Please use this form to report illegal target shooting you encounter while hiking. You may mail the completed form to WTA, 2019 Third Ave., Suite 100, Seattle, WA 98121. An online version of this form is available at: [http://www.wta.org/action/action-center/Target\\_Shooting\\_Reporting-Form](http://www.wta.org/action/action-center/Target_Shooting_Reporting-Form)