

Shingle Springs Outdoor Gun Range FAQs

Is this about gun rights?

No. Our concerns revolve around quality of life and safety issues, and in no way relate to gun rights. Many members of the concerned community are gun owners and support the second amendment right to bear arms.

Is this about Native American rights?

No. We respect the right of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians to develop on trust land. We only ask that they be good neighbors and consider the safety and quality of life of the surrounding community.

Then, what is it about?

It is about location, location, location. This proposed location is the wrong location for an outdoor commercial gun range due to its proximity to existing residences, schools, churches and a major highway. This poses very real safety and sound impact concerns.

What is proposed and where?

A 29-lane outdoor commercial gun range and tactical live-fire shoot house is being built within 1000 yards of Buckeye Elementary, CMP Shingle Springs, and Discovery Hills Church. It is within 100 yards of thousands of drivers on Highway 50 and backs directly to dozens of existing private residences in the line of fire. The project will be located at the southeast corner of Highway 50 and Shingle Springs Drive. This range will produce noise that could travel for miles and poses alarming safety concerns.

Who is proposing it?

The project is being built by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians (the Tribe that owns Red Hawk Casino) on recently acquired off-reservation trust land.

When is it proposed?

Groundbreaking is targeted for March 2015. The Tribe is targeting Summer 2015 completion.

Would this project be approved for this location if proposed by anyone other than the Tribe?

The project, as proposed, would not be approved according to El Dorado

County's existing zoning laws and noise and safety ordinances due to its proximity to existing residences, schools, churches and a major highway.

Doesn't the County or State have jurisdiction?

No. The off-reservation trust land is sovereign land where county and federal rules and regulations do not apply. El Dorado County's existing zoning laws and noise and safety ordinances do not apply on trust land.

But don't the noise and safety impacts on nearby residents fall under county jurisdiction?

Residential homeowners are trying to pursue legal advisement on this matter, but so far the county has advised that at best, it would take a lengthy legal battle to pursue this avenue.

Has the County reviewed the proposal?

The Tribe does not need to receive review, approval, or permitting as required of all other commercial projects proposed in the county. The Tribe presented some information regarding the project in the February 24th, 2015 El Dorado County Board of Supervisors meeting (see full video of related proceedings on www.GunRangeInfo.com) but this was for informational purposes only, not for review or approval, as the Tribe does not need County approval for off-reservation trust land use.

Would anyone oversee the construction of the range or enforcement of the range safety plan?

No. The Tribe is accountable to no one regarding the construction of the range. The Tribe sets its own safety rules for the gun range, and can alter the safety plan at any time. The County would not have review, approval, or oversight.

Is the gun range for Tribal use only?

No. It is for tribal and public use. It is proposed as a commercial gun range.

I'm a gun owner, and would be happy to have a new gun range in my area. Why wouldn't I want this gun range to be developed?

We have a number of gun owners in the concerned community group. Their opposition to this range is about the proximity to existing residences, schools, churches and a major highway, where a gun range would not be approved otherwise. We would like to work with the Tribe to modify the proposal to an indoor gun range, look into other possible locations, or

alternate proposals with less sound and safety impact to the surrounding community.

A gun range with no local or state oversight in a location where it wouldn't otherwise be approved by local laws, doesn't this set a dangerous precedent?

Yes. We believe this project sets a dangerous precedent for the use of off-reservation trust land in California. We are trying to contact officials at all levels to express concern with the precedent that this sets.

I am concerned about the impact on our community, and want to voice my opposition to the project as proposed. What can I do?

Go to www.GunRangeInfo.com to sign the online petition. Forward the site to other concerned community members and ask them to sign the petition.

On the site, you can also get information on: contacting your local representatives, writing letters to the editor, and how to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, you can send your contact information to contact@GunRangeInfo.com.

Together, we need to make our voices heard in opposition to the project as planned.

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