

Range presents a risk

To the editor

Re: *Outdoor recreation enthusiasts petition for range access*, May 21.



- 1 In your recent article, the lieutenant-commander offers a curiously outdated defence of the military's right to continue to fire live ammunition miles into a forest area adjacent to a popular public park.
- 2 When the range was established almost a century ago it was in an extremely remote location, but the world has changed and it now presents a risk to public safety.
- 3 Apart from the risk of hitting people and wildlife, the spent ammunition produces undetermined toxic waste close to a public water source. 4, during our hot, dry summers there must be a significant risk of starting a forest fire. At critical times the use of power tools and lawn mowers is banned, so why are gun ranges still open then?
- 4 It is clear that major changes in attitude are required by the federal government. If this range is not relocated to a new 'safe' location, if such a place exists, then the operators should create barriers to prevent stray ammunition flying miles into the forest.

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