

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
FACILITIES & PARKS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 29, 2021
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
8:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 1 (Chair)	Present	
David Eisenhuth	Chippewa County	District 11 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Charlene Kervina	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
James Mickelson	Chippewa County	District 8	Excused	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2	Excused	

Others Present: Brad Lau, Dean Gullickson, Randy Scholz, Richard Stark, Chad Holum, Steven Gibbs, Deb Blevins, Don Dukerschein, Jim Kowalczyk, Todd Pauls, Mark Bauman

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

Karen Rooney was recognized by the Chair and provided a statement to the Committee about the County Firearms Range.

Attorney Behling was recognized by the Chair and made a statement to the Committee about the County Firearms Range on behalf of his clients, Rooney Farms.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Eisenhuth, District 11 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Charlene Kervina, District 10
AYES:	Steele, Eisenhuth, Kervina
EXCUSED:	Mickelson, Sikorski

1. Approve the Agenda

5. REPORTS

1. Chippewa County Sheriff's Office Report of Bullet Holes in a Pole Shed of a Neighboring Property - Brad Lau
Sheriff Kowalczyk introduced Investigator Brad Lau who provided a summary of the investigation to the Committee.
2. Public Firearms Range Advisory Committee Recommendations - Hon. Steven Gibbs
Honorable Judge Steven Gibbs speaking for the Firearms Range Advisory Committee provided the following recommendations regarding the County Firearms Range:

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First, reopen the range for only Law Enforcement and Hunter's Education at this time. Also, during normal shooting, the County could contact the Rooney's to make them aware the range is being used. Second, in order to kick people out, the County would need an ordinance to enforce that action.

In the future, the Firearms Range Advisory Committee recommends the following in order to reopen:

-Adding more sand to and reforming the berms.

-No Blue Sky design with baffles that won't allow you to shoot outside the building.

-Supervision with Range Safety Officers but be aware, it is near to impossible to get volunteers.

Judge Gibbs stated that either or both will solve the problem and when people are there (Range Safety Officers) can kick people off. If people were being supervised, walking outside the range building will not happen. The County could also reduce hours, not 7 days a week or not as many hours. If the County does close the range to the public, it might have to give back some grant money. If people were shooting outside posted hours, they would be trespassing. The Range is very reasonable and the County uses the honor system for paying. People are supposed to put their money in the envelopes and if the range was supervised, more money would come in. The County should amend the rules for 22 caliber at the hand gun range. This should be changed to 22 rimfire and any AR's would be shot on the Long Gun side only except for Law Enforcement.

Grants available are the Pittman Roberts and NRA to help with no blue sky. The County could also recruit more RSO's (Range Safety Officers) and reduce hours. There is not a lot of traffic in January and February, maybe the County should start in March. The Range Committee does recommend to not reopen to the General Public at this time.

Don Dukerschein did make a request to change one of the signs in the Long Gun building from a pictogram to just wording. The picture looks like a handgun and people might think it only applies to that.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Chippewa County Public Firearms Range Discussion/Action Covering All Operational Aspects of Range
Supervisor Steel put forth a motion to create an ordinance to uphold our Range rules within our range with the Advisory Committee and Corporation Counsel to work together to develop the ordinance. Seconded by Supervisor Eisenhuth. Pass unanimously.

Supervisor Steel put forth a motion to see how much the cost would be for the "No Blue Sky" baffles. Seconded by Supervisor Eisenhuth. Passed Unanimously.

Supervisor Eisenhuth put forth a motion to open the range to Law Enforcement and Hunter's Education. Seconded by Supervisor Kervina. Passed with Supervisor Steele Abstaining.

The Committee will meet again on July 28th, a regular meeting date. At that time, they will review the completed investigation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Steele, Eisenhuth, Kervina
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7. COMMUNICATION

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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9. ADJOURN

This meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.

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SECONDER:	Charlene Kervina, District 10
AYES:	Steele, Eisenhuth, Kervina
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**Chippewa County Sheriff's Office
Department Case Report****Department Case Number: 2020-07541****Related Case # 's:****Case Information**

Case Officer: 2916 - Deputy Jake Sperry
Offense Date/Time: 09/08/2020 - 12:56Hrs
Offense Location: 10603 CTH C, Bloomer, WI 54724
Offense Type: P60-010M - PROPERTY-CRIM-DAMAGE
Expiration Date:
Jurisdiction: CHIPPEWA
Court Date:
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Case Comments: Hold for future investigation

Case Names

Name Type: Victim
Name: Rooney, Steven, Jake
Address: 12210 90th Avenue
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Additional Name Information:

Sex: M **Race:** W **DOB:** 10/23/1997 **Home Phone#:** (715) 577-0800
ID#:
SSN#:

Case Items

Item Number: 001
Container #:
Current Custody: Stored in Location - Process Table
Collection Date/Time: 09/08/2020 - 13:30Hrs
Collected By: 2916 - Deputy Jake Sperry
Collection Location: Inside the pole shed to the west of the residence at 10603 CTH C
Packaging/Quantity/Item Type: One sealed manila envelope containing - 1 - fired bullet(s)
Detail Description: 4 bullets, unknown caliber, appear to be rifle rounds
Owner: There is no owner associated with this item
Item Notes:

Process: Hold for investigative purposes
Collection Purpose: Evidence

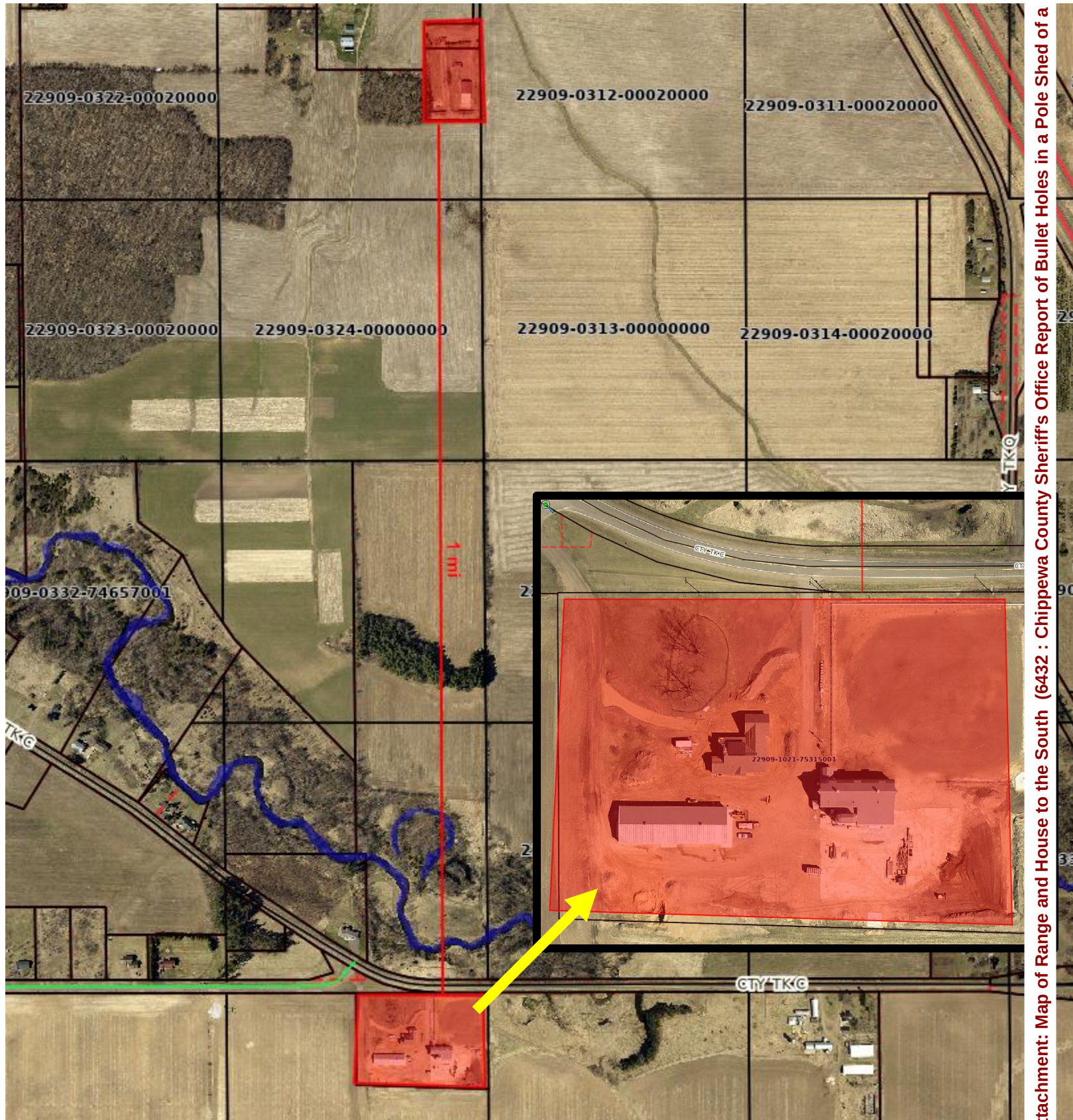
Case Officer Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Range Location & Rooney Property

5.1.b



Attachment: Map of Range and House to the South (6432 : Chippewa County Sheriff's Office Report of Bullet Holes in a Pole Shed of a



Department of Administration Facilities and Parks Division

Larry Ritzinger, Director

DATE: June 22, 2021

FROM: Chippewa County Public Firearms Range Advisory Committee

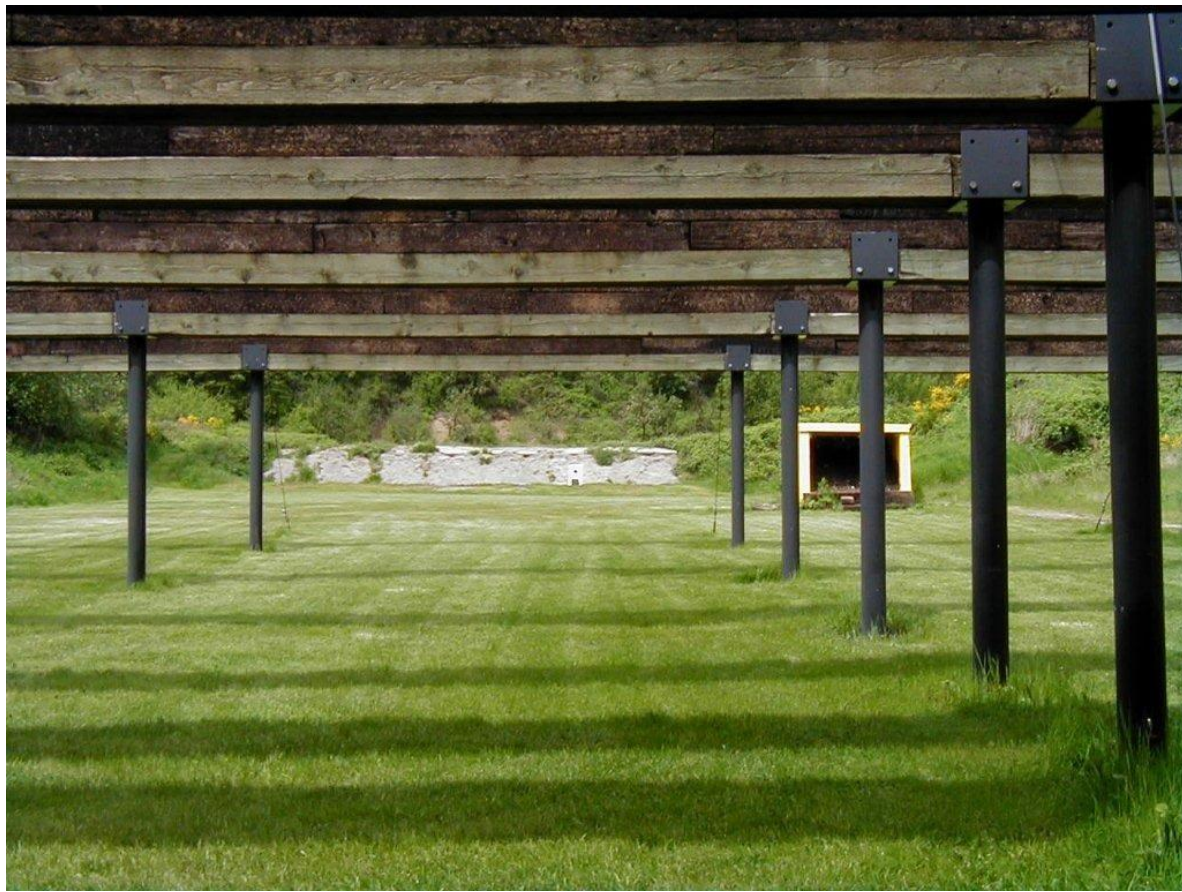
TO: Chippewa County Facilities & Parks Committee

RE: Public Firearms Range Advisory Committee Recommendations

The Chippewa County Firearms Range Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 22nd to discuss recommendations for the Firearms Range.

These are the recommendations that Advisory Committee elected to forward onto the Facilities & Parks Committee:

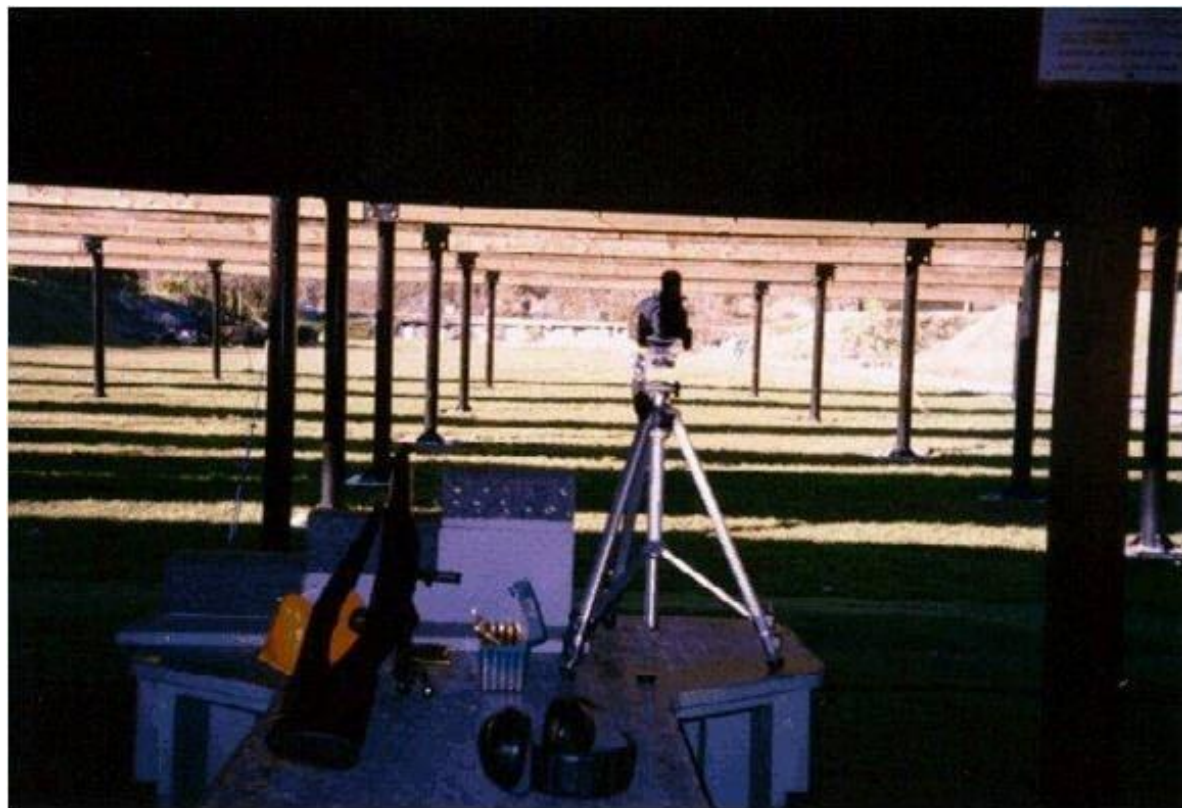
1. Reopen the range only to Hunters Education and Law Enforcement that have a Range Safety Officer or a State Certified Supervisor.
2. Create an Ordinance that allows the Range Rules to be enforced.



The Seattle Police Athletic Association (SPAA) and the Seattle Police Department jointly own and operate a pistol/rifle/archery range. This is the view downrange showing 50 Yard Bullet Trap and baffles:

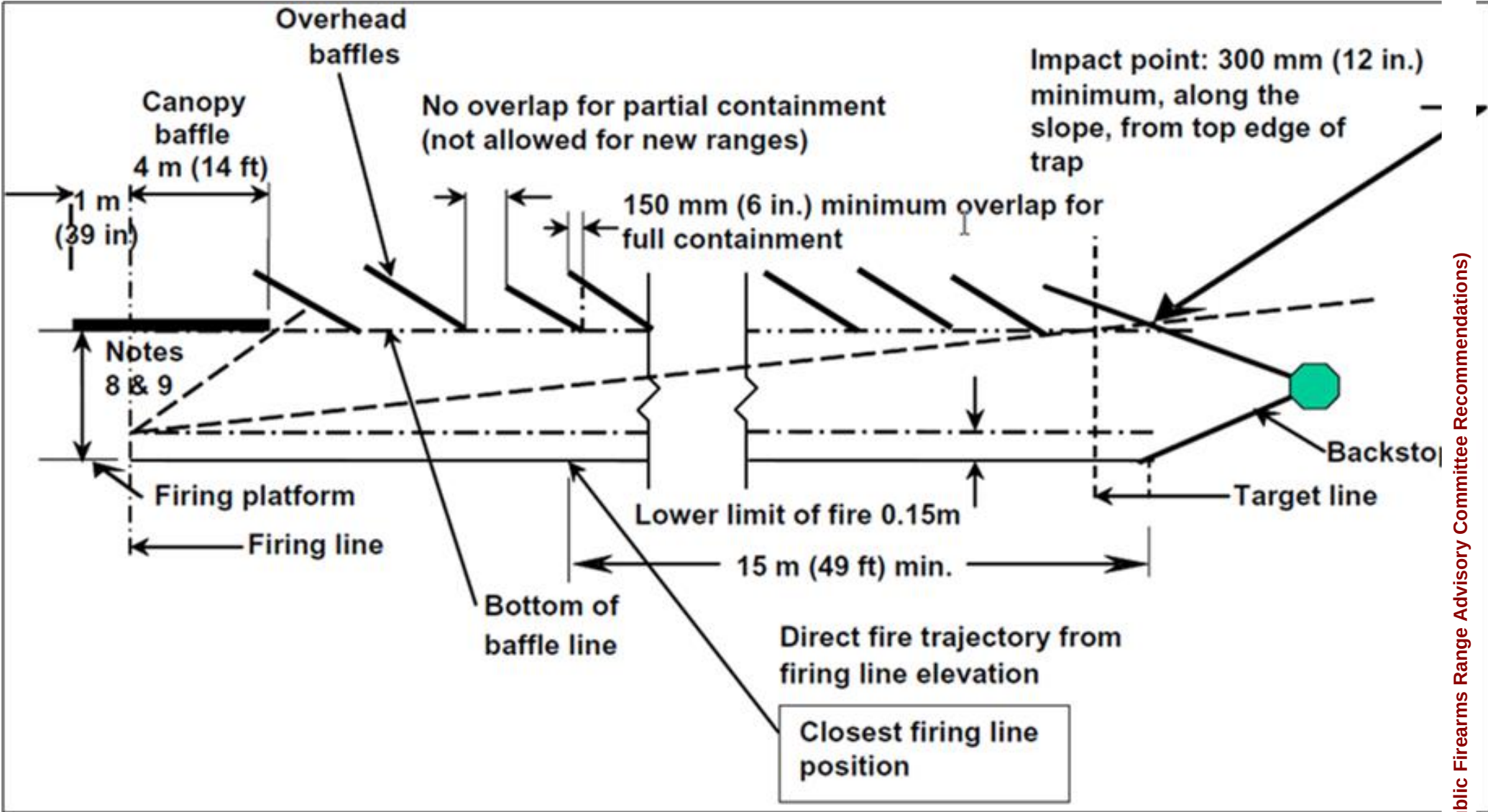


Rifle Range Baffle System, which provides “added safety to prevent rounds from leaving the range property.”



Note the implementation of the “No Blue Sky Rule,” with engineered features designed so eliminate the “blue sky view” from all potential shooting positions. Basically, if a shooter cannot see blue sky, and unintentional discharge cannot leave the rang

Typical overhead baffle configuration per Air Force Engineering Technical Letter 11-18:
Small Arms Range Design and Construction.



For more information about range design, please review Army Regulation 385-63 Safety Policy and Procedures for Firing Ammunition for Training, Target Practice and Combat (located at http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/r385_63.pdf); as well a report authored by Clark Vargas, P.E. "Design Criteria for Shooting Ranges" (at <http://www.nssf.org/ranges/rangeresources/library/NSRS/12TechTrackOutdoor/RangeDesign.pdf>).

See also range design guidelines:
<http://www.nymir.org/pdf/Firing%20Range%20Additional%20Resource%20Information.pdf>

NRA firing range design guidelines (for purchase):
<http://rangeservices.nra.org/sourcebook.aspx>

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Driveway at Separation



Attachment: Sign Locations-Updated 6-23-21 (6431 : Public Firearms Range Advisory Committee Recommendations)

Range Officer's Hut



Long Gun Shooting Shelter

5.2.c

SECURITY NOTICE
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
IN USE ON THESE PREMISES



FIRING LINE

Range Rules



Hand Gun Range – Training Building

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