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## Media Release

Driven by a love of firearms and increasing the local quality of life, Luna County’s new Shooting Range Exploration Committee has hit the ground running to build a comprehensive shooting range capable of hosting individual shooters and large competitions.

Kevin Speer, a local competitive shooter, was selected as chair of the committee during its first meeting held in March. The committee was created by the Luna County Board of Commissioners in response to concerns among local shooters — from casual to professional — that there are no adequate facilities to host target shooting, family outings, law enforcement training or larger competitive events. Other shooting ranges exist in the area, but are plagued by either being too close to residences, or nearly inaccessible due to road conditions.

“We are working to find a way to build a safe, fun and attractive range that is suitable for use by a wide variety of people of various skillsets,” Charles “Tink” Jackson, Luna County manager, said. “Of course our first concern is to provide more recreational activities for Luna County residents, but we also see this as an economic development endeavor.”

If the county, with the guidance of its committee and help from the community, can build a shooting range capable of not only meeting the demands of casual shooters, but professional competitors, Jackson sees the potential for hosting large shooting competitions or even training programs for law enforcement.

“The more people we can bring into this community to enjoy our beautiful weather and facilities, the more we can have hotel rooms booked and restaurants busy serving,” he said. “All of that means more jobs and opportunities for Luna County’s residents.”

The committee has been charged with scouting a potential location for the range, as well as searching for resources to help build it. In two meetings so far, the committee has made progress planning what services the range could offer, and what facilities it could feature, but the questions of where it will be built and how still linger.

“We hope the range will include facilities to accommodate long-range rifle shooting, pistol shooting, and clays for shotguns,” Speer said. “Ideally, the range will be far enough from homes to not bother the residents, but close enough to town to take full advantage of Interstate 10 and our local restaurants and hotels.”

Members of the committee include local law enforcement, retired military service members, individuals and business representatives. For more information about the committee, to make suggestions, or ask questions, contact [range@lunacountynm.us](mailto:range@lunacountynm.us).

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