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Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to Pub. L. No. 104-201, 110 Stat. 2808 (1996). This subtitle may be cited as the "Fort Carson - Pinon Canyon Military Lands Withdrawal Act."

The Department of the Army hereby advises that it has an ongoing and continuing need for the following described lands for military maneuvering, training and weapons firing and for other defense related purposes, for an additional 20 years.

The subject land is described as follows:

a. Fort Carson Military Reservation - 3,133.02 acres of public land and 11,415.16 acres of federally-owned minerals in El Paso, Pueblo and Fremont Counties, Colorado, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Fort Carson Proposed Withdrawal - Fort Carson Base," dated February 6, 1992 and published in accordance with Section 2904.

b. Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site - 2,517.12 acres of public lands and 130,139 acres of federally-owned minerals in Las Animas County, Colorado, as generally depicted on the map entitled: "Fort Carson Proposed Withdrawal - Fort Carson Base," dated February 6, 1992 and published in accordance with Section 2904.

The Department of the Army has evaluated the environmental impact and effects on the environment that may result from the effects of the withdrawals and reservations and has found nothing of concern.

At least one public hearing concerning this subject has been conducted in Colorado, as required by law. There are no known public or private objections to the continued use of the above described lands by the Army.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.F. Calcara", is written over the typed name.

Joseph F. Calcara
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Installations and Housing)