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Ms. Lori L. Seago El Paso County Board of County Commissioners Office of the County Attorney, Civil Division 7170 Turkey Creek Ranch Pueblo, CO 81007

Dear Ms. Seago:

This letter is in response to your request to lease approximately 120 acres for the construction of a solar farm and electrical substation on property purchased as part of the Army Compatible Use Buffer Program. The properties in question are El Paso County real estate parcel schedule numbers 57170-07-004, 57170-07-005, 57170-07-006, and 57170-07-019. The request letter dated December 20, 2016, on behalf of the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners, describes the proposed location, size and purpose of the project.

This letter constitutes the express written approval by which we agree that this project does not violate the terms and obligations of the Cooperative Agreement W911SR-07-2-0003 between the El Paso County by and through the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado and the United States Army Research Development and Environmental Command on behalf of Fort Carson and the Army. Our statutory goals for the program and for the remaining undeveloped parcels include a balance of compatible development and preservation of habitat. This project as proposed appears consistent with our goal of compatible development and does not result in limitations on the installation's military training and operations. This approval is limited to the particular project described above. The Army does not endorse the project with respect to any governmental or public review processes necessary for approval, construction and operation of the solar farm and substation.

Thank you for your efforts in support of our longstanding and productive partnership for conservation, compatibility and environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

Ronald P. Fitch, Jr. Colonel, U.S. Army

Garrison Commander