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SUBJECT: Fort Carson's Need for a Second Rail Connection

City of Fountain  
Attention: Mr. Scott Trainor, City Manager  
116 South Main Street  
Fountain, CO 80817

Dear Mr. Trainor:

For over 20-years Fort Carson has expressed a need for secondary rail accessibility to facilitate the deployment of military equipment in support of unit deployments around the world. A second rail connection, separate from the current rail that exists on the north end of Fort Carson, would help to reduce the risk associated with having only one rail connection off-post. As we have seen in the recent past, the loss of the current rail connection for any reason, eliminates our ability to rail military equipment until the existing rail infrastructure is fixed. A secondary rail connection could be used if the primary became unusable for any reason. We continue to be informed of the City of Fountain and El Paso County initiative continuing to explore the possibility of an industrial rail park along our shared boundary.

Fort Carson has raised the heightened concern of only one rail connection at present to the Army leadership and have identified the second rail connection need within the base installation MILCON budget process. We are very interested in any community project that could offer an opportunity for Fort Carson to gain a secondary rail connection and avail an encore workforce potential to retain and excel enlisted-to-civilian personnel in our region.

Sincerely,

Nathan R. Springer  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Garrison Commander

cc:

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