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Subject: Fort Carson's Need for a 2nd Rail Connection


City of Fountain
ATTN: Mr. Scott Trainor, City Manager
116 S 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.

Fort Carson has raised the concern of only one rail connection at present to the Army leadership. We are very interested in any community project that could offer an opportunity for Fort Carson to gain a secondary rail connection. I understand that the City of Fountain and El Paso County are investigating the possibility of an industrial rail park along our shared boundary. We will be interested to see how this conceptual project develops.

Sincerely,


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

cc:

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