

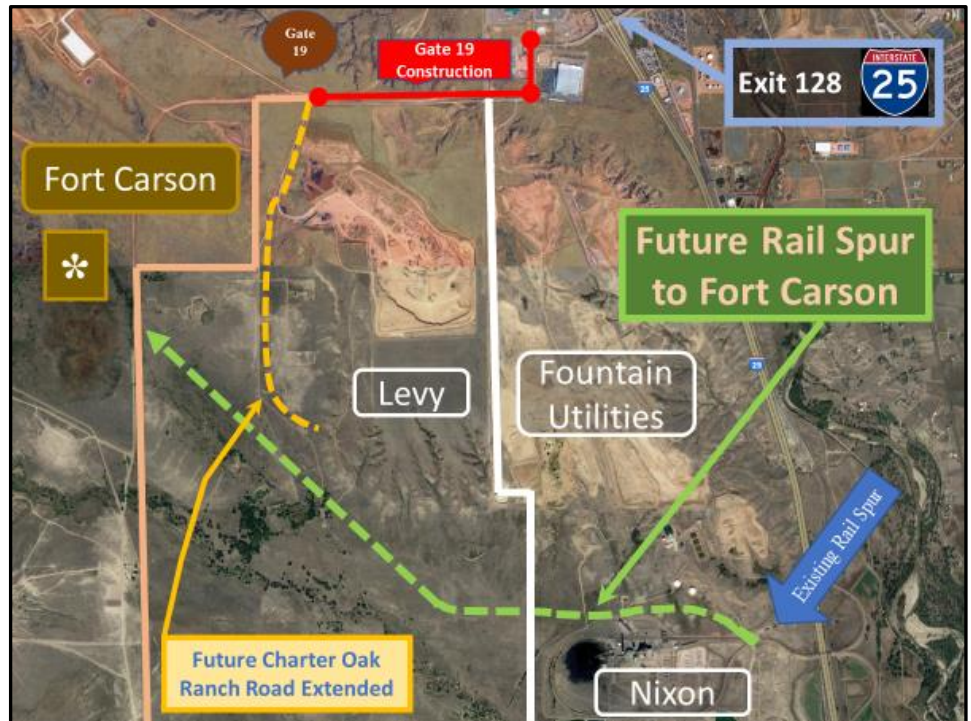
# A Rail-Served Economic Initiative in El Paso County, Colorado

## Project Update for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020

### **OBJECTIVE: AWARD OF DEFENSE COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE (DCIP) GRANT (\$12M) OR 2020 BUILD AMERICA PLANNING GRANT (\$2.35M)**

#### ➤ Talking Points:

- A. USDOT BUILD Grant filed May 15, 2020. The \$2.35M grant will take the rail park project to “shovel ready.” Award announcement date September 15, 2020.
- B. DCIP grant filed June 25, 2020. This DOD grant is for a design/build mode of completion of a single track to the Fort Carson Boundary by City of



Fountain, a Defense Communities Association member acting as applicant for the public/private partnership.

#### ➤ Next Steps:

1. Prepare and apply for a U.S. Economic Development Administration Technical Assistance grant to further refine the industrial rail park concept in collaboration with the dual-service railroads.
2. Quarterly Oversight Committee meeting of the public/private partnership by remote means if necessary.
3. Continue to educate local and state agencies on project benefits (see reverse).

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TABLE 2: Rail Park Benefits	Key Benefactors			
	STATE	REGIONAL	FORT CARSON	LOCAL
Supports planned base expansion at Gate 19				
Improves rapid deployment capability at Fort Carson				
Enhances training capabilities at Fort Carson by improved access to Piñon Canyon Training area				
Reduces regional truck traffic, improving safety and reducing road wear				
Provides harmonious, productive land use adjacent to a power plant and military training facility				
Establishes regional "destination" for heavy industrial & manufacturing uses				
Offers competitive "dual-service" rail rates				
Creates ±6,000 quality employment opportunities for post-service veterans from 5 nearby military installations				