



Providing a Voice for Northeast Colorado

SUPPORT OF ACTION 22 ON PINON CANYON
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WHEREAS, the US Army wishes to acquire additional needed land to expand the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of troops into Ft. Carson, as provided in the BRAC report, is not contingent upon the expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver site, and

WHEREAS, the new technology permits smaller units to operate in and control significantly greater battle space than was previously possible,

WHEREAS, The expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site could currently result in approximately four hundred thousand acres of additional land being taken out of private ownership in southeastern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Since the establishment of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, counties in Southeastern Colorado have realized minimal or no economic benefit from the operations of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site;

WHEREAS, Homeland Security is of utmost importance to the United States and the proper training of our soldiers is needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that PROGRESSIVE 15 believes that the use of eminent domain is not an acceptable means in the on-going discussion in the expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PROGRESSIVE 15 stresses the need for timely, positive discussions on the economic future of Southern Colorado and the region as whole, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PROGRESSIVE 15 will not consider supporting the expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site until the US Army provides sufficient detailed information to Action 22 counties** regarding its plans and needs for the expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.