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Dear Doug:

Over the past several weeks I have heard from many of you, and your neighbors, throughout southeastern Colorado regarding the possible expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site. I certainly understand the concerns related to the proposed expansion, and I want to ensure that each of you has the opportunity to have these concerns heard by those directly working on such expansion proposals.


To that end, I invite you, and any other interested persons, to join me on May 13th at 9 a.m. in Pueblo, at the Robert Rawlings Public Library on 100 East Abriendo Avenue, to discuss concerns surrounding the proposed expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site. I have also invited representatives from Fort Carson and the Pentagon so that they will be able to hear your concerns as well.

Specifically, I ask that you choose one person to make a formal five minute presentation that will represent your organization's or community's views on the proposed expansion. However, please be assured that there will be time for more informal discussion and questions and answers as well.

Finally, I understand that Pentagon officials may be nearing the point of making a recommendation regarding the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site. I have, therefore, specifically requested that any recommendation regarding the possible expansion of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site be withheld until the Army and Department of Defense has had the opportunity to hear the concerns of those interested parties at the May 13 meeting.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact John Rodriguez of my staff at 719-542-7550. I look forward to hearing from you on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



Ken Salazar
United States Senator