

**Fort Carson  
Piñon Canyon  
Maneuver Site**

Fort Carson is located 5 miles from Colorado Springs (population 345,127) and 60 miles south of Denver.

Fort Carson comprises 137,404 acres. Piñon Canyon is the maneuver site to the southeast of Fort Carson,

and covers 235,896 acres north of West Pueblo. Fort Carson is north of Pueblo; Piñon Canyon Maneuver

Site (PCMS) is north of Trinidad. Fort Carson is a power projection platform that supports 10 different

units with over 15,800 active duty military personnel. Fort Carson is home to over 900 buildings

encompassing 7.8 million square feet of building space. There are approximately 56,000 square feet of

building space at PCMS. Fort Carson's major garrison facilities include 1,823 sets of family quarters, 4

schools, a hospital, dental clinics, fitness centers, child-care centers, and other family and youth

recreational centers. Currently there are 840 homes and one school under construction.

Fort Carson is a

great home for our soldiers and civilians, a strong power projection platform with trained combat ready

forces, and a committed partner with our civilian and military neighbors.

**Fort Carson Mission**

“Train, mobilize, deploy, and sustain the combat-ready, multi-component integrated forces of the 7th

Infantry Division and Fort Carson... Be a premier Warfighting Center and an effective power projection

platform... a responsive and efficient installation. Provide a caring environment for all in a climate of

cooperation and partnership with civilian and military neighbors.” This translates into the following

mission-essential tasks:

- Protect the Force
- Train Active and Reserve Component Units
- Mobilize Reserve Component Units
- Deploy, Sustain, and Redeploy Active and Reserve Component Units
- Manage Resources and Protect the Environment
- Reinvent Appropriate Fort Carson Processes
- Enhance Community Relationships & Partnerships
- Provide a Quality Living and Working Environment for Soldiers, Families,

Employees, and Retirees

**Fort Carson Population**

**(approximate)**

15,000 Active Duty Military

12,000 National Guard

1,800 DA Civilian Employees

1,000 NAF/PX/DeCA Employees

28,800 Family Members

15,400 Retirees

28,360 Retiree Family Members

**102,360 Total Population**

**Fort Carson**

**Training Facilities**

61 Ranges

12 Drop Zones

56 Training areas

Butts Army Airfield

Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS)

Total tactical training acreage:

**96,201 (Fort Carson)**

**158,620 PCMS**