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PIÑON CANYON MANEUVER SITE : COLORADO

Fort Carson's Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) provides critical maneuver lands necessary to train large units from Fort Carson and other installations. Located just 150 miles southeast of Fort Carson, the PCMS is equipped for bringing troops and supplies straight to the site via railheads and convoys.

The maneuver site's 235,000 acres combined with Fort Carson's training areas offer a full range of training opportunities in a realistic training environment. Fort Carson trainers are working to make sure PCMS training capabilities keep pace with constantly improving technology that allows Soldiers to train for success in combat. Soldiers' lives depend on their training.

PCMS provides Fort Carson Soldiers and units a unique training resource. The semi-arid, high desert climate allows for year-round training, and wide-open spaces allow battalions and brigades to deploy using current doctrinal distances. Units typically transport heavy equipment by rail to PCMS and conduct convoys with wheeled vehicles. PCMS can also support a full range of aviation training requirements.

Facilities at the training site include an austere cantonment area, a 160-car capable railhead, showers, range control facility, helipads, C-130 capable Combat Assault Air Strip, and a fire station.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Trinidad, CO (Las Animas County)**
- » Land Area: **~ 235,000-acre (550 km²)**
- » Sorties/Operations: **Approx. 5,000 per year**

» For more information, please see < <http://www.carson.army.mil/pcms/> >



Above: Fort Carson's 1st Brigade Combat Team on patrol at the post's PCMS.

Left: A training session of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site which was designed to reflect the door-to-door urban warfare and villages that soldiers encounter in Iraq. (U.S. Army photo)



Above: Fort Carson firefighters from PCMS responded to an off-post fire in Las Animas County, CO. (U.S. Army photo)

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » The Army purchased Piñon Canyon in 1983
- » PCMS provides critical maneuver lands for soldiers from Fort Carson and other military

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