

## **Recommendation Supporting Information**

### **Fort Hood, TX**

#### **Competing Recommendations and Other Information:**

There are no potential or known competing recommendations that could conflict with this recommendation. Analysis indicates that Fort Carson is best-suited for the stationing of this BCT and the UEx Headquarters. As one of the Army's larger maneuver-type installations, Fort Carson has the capacity to support the stationing of four BCTs and various support units. Other alternative installations were analyzed along with Fort Carson. However, with the increase in the number of BCTs in the United States from 26 to 40 by the end of FY09, Fort Carson was the most viable. Fort Riley, KS and Fort Bliss, TX were both considered, but another recommendation substantially increases the number of BCTs and other units at these locations. Fort Irwin, CA was considered, but not recommended due to the demands of the National Training Center mission on training assets availability and its lack of an existing, robust infrastructure. Yuma Proving Ground was also considered, but not recommended based on its ongoing test mission and its lack of an existing, robust infrastructure. Fort Knox was also considered, but not recommended. Fort Knox does not have sufficient heavy maneuver training land to adequately support a Heavy BCT.

#### **Force Structure Capabilities:**

This proposal helps ensure the Army has sufficient infrastructure, training land and ranges to meet the requirements to transform the Operational Army as identified in the Twenty Year Force Structure Plan. As part of this transformation, the Army is activating 10 new BCTs for a total of 43 active BCTs. Including the results of the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy (IGPBS), the number of BCTs stationed in the United States will rise from twenty-six to forty. This recommendation helps the Army to better balance its critical heavy maneuver training assets with the expanding force structure across its installations.

#### **MVA Results:**

The military value rankings were: Fort Hood (3) and Fort Carson (8). While Fort Hood ranks higher than Fort Carson, permanently stationing a sixth BCT at Fort Hood results in unnecessary competition for limited resources such as maneuver land and ranges. Fort Hood has only a limited ability to expand its current range capacity. Fort Carson has land, facilities and associated airspace available to support additional training and mission requirements. This recommendation enhances military value by improving unit training at both locations and enhancing unit readiness. Relocating the UEx Headquarters to Fort Carson provides command and control for the BCTs. See the attached MVA table.

#### **Capacity Analysis Results:**

Fort Carson is currently the home of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 1st BCT,

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4th Infantry Division and receives another BCT relocating from Korea in the summer of 2005. Fort Carson is a major Army maneuver training installation and a designated power projection platform. It has modern facilities to include training ranges. Combined with the Pinion Canyon Training Area, Fort Carson's 351,000 acres is sufficient to train and sustain the readiness of the units located there. Fort Carson also has some excess facilities' capacity (95,000 square feet of large unit headquarter space) and has enough buildable acres (23,875 acres) to support additional construction requirements for the BCT and UEx Headquarters. Permanently stationing the BCT and UEx Headquarters at Fort Carson relieves pressure on Fort Hood' training land and facilities. See the attached capacity table.

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