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## Rep. Musgrave calls on Army for greater disclosure

*Petitions Army Secretary for  
plans to expand Pinon Canyon  
Maneuver Site*

**Washington,**

Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) petitioned the U.S. Army to disclose the details of its plans to potentially expand the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site in southeast Colorado by one million acres. Very little of the Army's plans has been presented to local residents and local officials. The Congresswoman is concerned that privately property will be condemned by the federal government.

The site is currently 250,000 acres and serves as added training grounds for soldiers stationed at Fort Carson.

"I am concerned the Army is going to keep local residents and

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officials in the dark until they have the money to go ahead and execute their plan. We just don't know at this point, so I am asking for disclosure. The potential expansion of nearly one million acres is not insignificant and it will have real economic and social impacts on the nearby communities," said Musgrave. "I support our troops and our military leaders because they fight for our freedoms, but I think more light needs to be shone on this proposal."

In her letter to Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey, the Congresswoman highlighted the significance of congressional oversight of military affairs and her disappointment that in the Army's unwillingness to provide information thus far.