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## Media Advisory **Severe weather causes damage to aircraft at Fort Carson, no injuries**

**FORT CARSON, Colo.** — At approximately 8 p.m. Aug. 1, a significant weather event occurred at Butts Army Heliport. Initial reports indicate the event caused damage to multiple aircraft belonging to the 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

“This weather event had a significant impact to our fleet. I am grateful there were no injuries,” said Col. Nicholas Ploetz, commander, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade. “Our Soldiers are resilient and will do what is necessary to recover our equipment and continue to perform our mission.”

A variety of aircraft are damaged to include Apaches, Chinooks, and Black Hawks. Facilities on the heliport have minor damage. Currently, there are no environmental impacts reported.

There will be a thorough investigation to assess the damage.

We appreciate your patience as we work to gain a better understanding about the impact of this incident.

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