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Dear AASHE STARS,

I am writing to submit Fort Lewis College's STARS report and confirm that the information in this report has been checked for accuracy.

Fort Lewis College is pleased to be a participant in STARS and publicly share our sustainability achievements. Located in beautiful southwestern Colorado, environmental stewardship is a core value at Fort Lewis College. We are committed to carbon neutrality by 2050 and have taken steps to achieve this with on-site solar, renewable energy credits, LEED Gold certified buildings, and support for sustainable transportation. Fort Lewis College is also working towards a sustainable waste management system; every year we compost 6,000 pounds of dining hall food waste and currently have students researching best practices for recycling on campus.

Sustainability-oriented courses are offered in at least 55% of departments on campus, and students who wish to fully immerse themselves in sustainability can enroll in one of our Environment and Sustainability programs, majoring in either Environmental Studies or Environmental Science. Students in these majors complete applied research aimed at environmental problem-solving. For example, this past year a student team in Environmental Studies investigated city waste management for reducing bear-human conflict while another group examined student preference for expanding the Real Food Challenge. We also have a student-centered Environmental Center that engages over 30% of the student body each year with sustainability programming, leadership training, and new student orientation. In 2018, the Environmental Center offered on an "Eco Roadshow," engaging incoming first-years with sustainable agriculture, landscape restoration, and more as pre-semester experience.

We are proud to be an example of what a small public college can do for sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Stritikus".

Tom Stritikus
President, Fort Lewis College