



## Proposed Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment in Support of Large-Scale MAGTF Live Fire and Maneuver Training

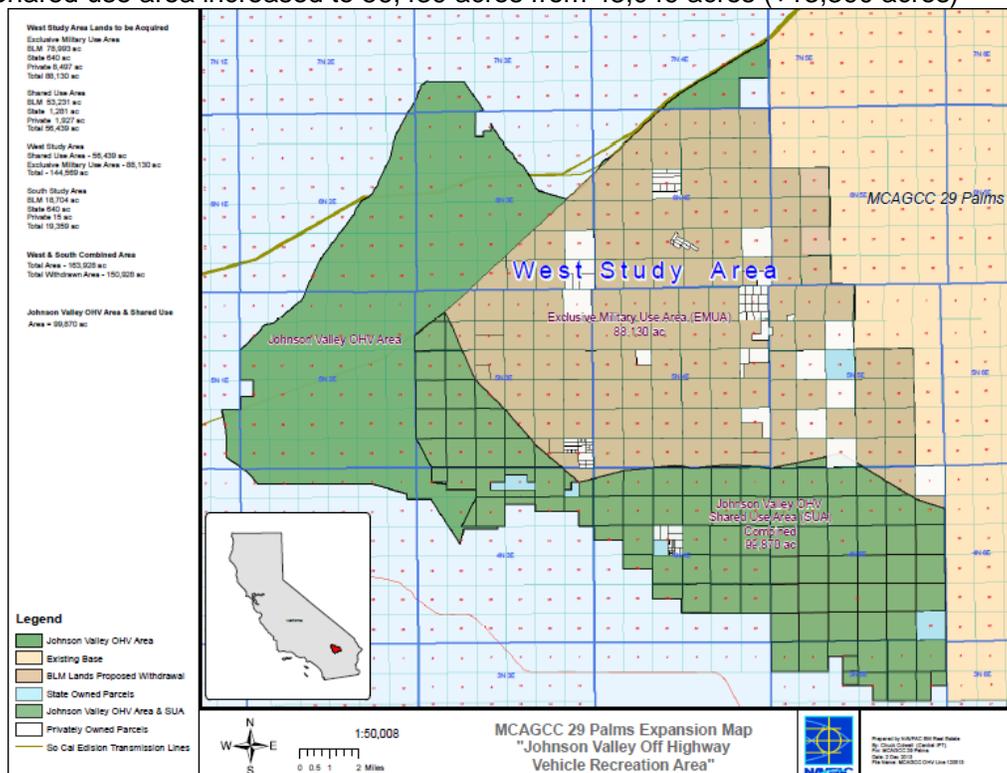
### Project Update Notice Number 17

**Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command  
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center  
Twentynine Palms, CA**

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#### ➤ **Congressional Action Establishes New Acreages Within and Boundary Between Exclusive Military Use and Shared Use Areas in the West Study Area**

- The Marine Corps continued to engage with stakeholders and with Congress to establish legislation with a balance of land withdrawal that could both meet Marine Corps training requirements and protect important regional recreation and environmental resources.
- As a result, acreages approved by Congress for MEB training reflect an overall decrease in land being acquired by the base and an increase in the land that remains available to recreation.
- Updated acreages are (as shown in the map below):
  - Total Proposed area reduced to 163,928 acres from 167,971 acres (-3,993 acres)
  - South Study area reduced to 19,359 acres from 21,304 (-1,945 acres)
  - West Study area reduced to 144,569 acres from 146,667 acres (-2,098 acres)
  - Shared use area increased to 56,439 acres from 43,049 acres (+13,390 acres)



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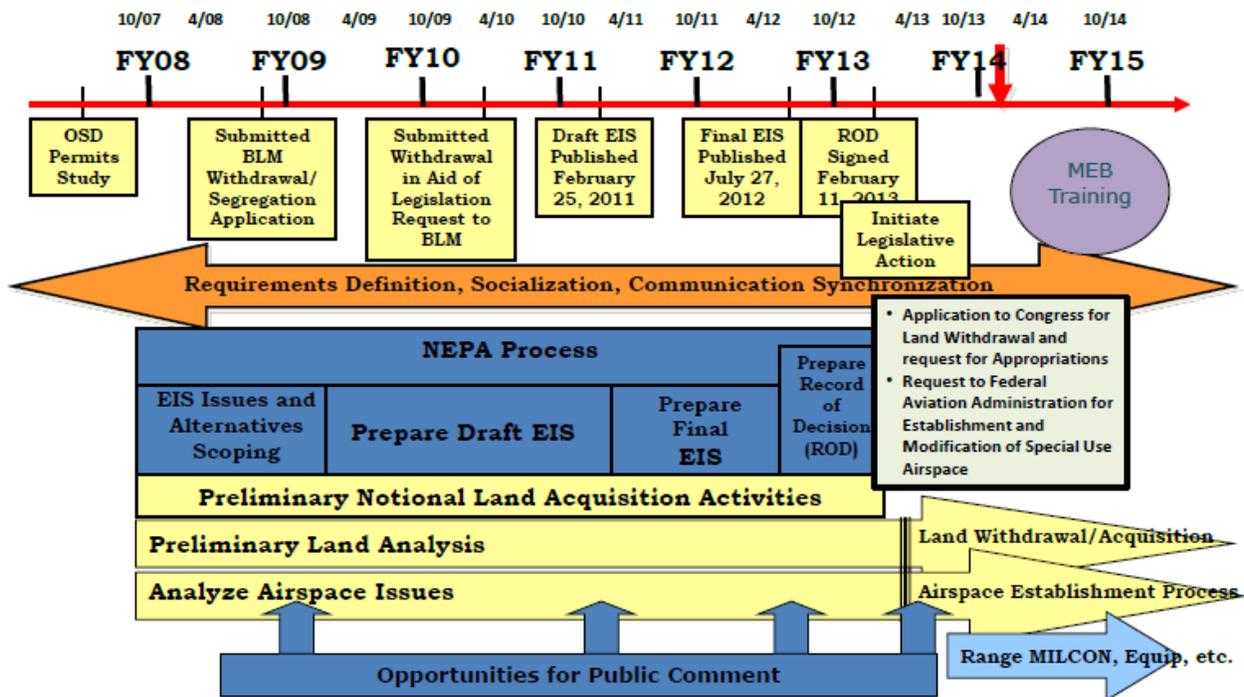
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- In addition, the legislation passed by the Congress will establish the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area (OHVA), providing an additional 43,431 acres dedicated to recreation.
  - When combined with the 56,439 acres in the Shared Use Area, nearly 100,000 acres will be available to Off Highway recreation in the Johnson Valley.

### ➤ Project Timeline:

- President signs the Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act. (2013)
- The Department of the Navy will undertake purchase at fair market value of the State of California and private land interests in the withdrawn area footprint. (2013-2014)
- The Marine Corps will apply to FAA for establishment of a “Controlled Firing Area” covering the Exclusive Military Use Area in the West Study Area to temporarily support combined-arms, live-fire training. (2014)
- USMC will formally request FAA to initiate airspace rulemaking on the Marine Corps Special Use Airspace proposal. (2014)
- FAA will undertake its airspace rulemaking, including the FAA’s own National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. (2014-2015)
- The Marine Corps Training and Education Command/MCAGCC will undertake range preparations. (2014-15)
  - The Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Center (MAGTF TC) will commence Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) building block training in the new range areas. (2014)
  - MAGTF TC will commence MEB sustained, combined-arms, live-fire and maneuver training, using the previous and new ranges aboard the expanded MCAGCC. (2015)



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