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Subj: SECURITY OF MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE TRAINING COMMAND, MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TRAINING AREA BOUNDARY AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS DURING THE CLOSURE OF THE JOHNSON VALLEY SHARED USE AREA

Ref: (a) National Defense Authorization Act Fiscal Year 2014  
(b) Implementation Plan

1. Situation. In December 2013, the National Defense Authorization Act for 2014 (2014 NDAA) was signed into law, changing the boundaries between the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

b. The 2014 NDAA legislation designated the acquisition of approximately 107,000 acres to the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, identified as the Exclusive Military Use Area, and designated 56,000 acres for shared use with the public, identified as the Shared Use Area or Means Lake Training Area (TA).

a. The 2014 NDAA authorizes the Marine Corps to use the Shared Use Area for training for two non-consecutive 30-day periods annually. The BLM and the Marine Corps perform shared but separate management of the area, with BLM managing the area when it is not in use for military training. From 30 October 2020 to 9 November 2020, the Shared Use Area management will transfer from the BLM to the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC in support of the MAGTF Warfighting Exercise. The closure period will include necessary time required to conduct pre and post inspections of the land to ensure it is clear of any hazards prior to returning it to BLM management.

2. Mission. Conduct liaison, public outreach and security patrolling in order to ensure public safety and no interruption to the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC mission.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The transition of the Shared Use Area land management between the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC and the BLM will be conducted in accordance with reference (a) and executed adhering to the guidelines set forth in reference (b).

(2) Concept of Operations. The Government and External Affairs (GEA) will serve as the lead agency to interface with BLM, providing coordinating support for the land closure to the public. GEA will provide direct

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communication to key stakeholders, providing continuous updates on land management changes. The Provost Marshal's Office (PMO) will use Range Patrol Officers (RPO) to patrol the installation's boundary. Environmental Affairs Division will use Conservation Law Enforcement Officers (CLEOs) to patrol/protect the natural and cultural resources aboard the installation while in support of PMO's physical security efforts. MAGTF Training Directorate will provide range clearance support and Range Safety during patrols of the training areas.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) MAGTF Directorate

(a) Provide RZR and drone support for pre and post inspections.

1. The pre-inspection is scheduled for 28 October 2020 at 0800, Boone Road, BLM Kiosk

2. The post-inspection is scheduled for 9 November 2020 at 0800, Boone Road, BLM Kiosk.

(b) Install temporary barriers and signs in the most common entry locations to the Shared Use Area

(c) Conduct range sweeps of the Means Lake TA prior to the initial use.

(d) Provide appropriate Explosive Ordinance Disposal range sweeps to insure public safety when the land is returned to BLM management.

(e) Provide Range Maintenance to conduct any necessary restoration measures.

(f) Close all gates on the installation's boundary, required to safeguard training.

(2) AC/S Installation Support Directorate

(a) Provide CLEO patrols of cultural and natural sites within the Exclusive Military Use Area and Means Lake TA for the duration of the closure.

(b) Conduct necessary environmental and cultural inspections of restricted areas.

(c) Assign PMO to provide RPO support with perimeter security on the expanded installation border during the closure period.

(d) Assign PMO to conduct coordination with local law enforcement to facilitate the handling of any incident that may arise during the closure.

(e) Assign PMO to act as on-scene coordination for all security and law enforcement related planning and incidents.

(f) Ensure PMO patrols the Special Use Airspace borders to deter trespassers.

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(3) Director, Government and External Affairs Office

(a) Serve as the lead MAGTFTC, MCAGCC coordinator for the closure plan and liaison with BLM.

(b) Coordinate pre and post inspections with BLM.

(c) Conduct Communication Rollout: press releases, social media push, Discover Johnson Valley application update, website update, email blast, coordinate electronic signage, and print posters for BLM Kiosks.

(d) Provide CLEOs and RPOs with public outreach products as necessary to support engagement efforts with trespassing members of the public.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Supporting directorates will provide slides to Ms. Kristina Brown, for a confirmation brief to the Commanding General prior to the closure - date to be scheduled.

(2) All supporting personnel will participate in an After Action meeting on 18 November 2020 at 1400 in the GEA Conference Room, BLDG. 1417.

4. Administration and Logistics. Directives issued by this Headquarters are published and distributed electronically. Electronic versions of Combat Center LOIs can be found at <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Adjutant-Office/Letters-of-Instruction/>.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This LOI is applicable to all active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel aboard the Combat Center.

b. Signal. This LOI is effective the date signed.

  
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Chief of Staff

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