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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-15701:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-15702:

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Sincerely,

Lucas Daugherty

Response to Comment N-15703:

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Sincerely,

Trey Samson

Response to Comment N-15704:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

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The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Phillip Vieira

Response to Comment N-15705:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Adam Kunkel

Response to Comment N-15706:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

JESSE GUTIERREZ

Response to Comment N-15707:

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Sincerely,

Randy Wright

Response to Comment N-15708:

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Sincerely,

Phill Kenoyer

Response to Comment N-15709:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15710:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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The loss of an area such as Johnson Valley would make a huge impact on the offroad industry. Not to mention thousands of family's that use the area as a recreational getaway.
It is a place were family and friends can get together and enjoy a weekend of sharing, wheeling, camping and over the last few years a race that is already known almost world wide. Many OHV parks have already been lost and to lose this one would be devastating to our sport. Please reconsider. Thanks for taking the time to read my meager letter. I know there are thousands of people who feel the way I do, and thousands who feel stronger.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-15711:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a means of income, I rely on OHV use to provide for my family. I also use off-roading as a means to connect with my sons, daughter and spouse. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Howe

Response to Comment N-15712:

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Sincerely,
Caleb Mitchell

Response to Comment N-15713:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-15714:

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage the Marines not to expand 29 Palms to include the Johnson Valley OHV park. It would be a tragedy to close down to the public a place that is used for so much recreation and is a integral part of a growing industry. Johnson Vally is host to one of the best OHV areas in the nation.

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Although I am not local to the area, I hope to someday travel to Johnson Valley OHV and experience the beautiful scenery and wonderful off-roading it has to offer. I know there are many more like me who would never have the chance if it were to be closed to the public. There are other alternatives to what has been proposed. I would encourage the Marines to study them more in depth.

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Please listen to the community and reconsider expanding 29 Palms into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Kyle Schubert

Response to Comment N-15715:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Andrew Marcelliano

Response to Comment N-15716:

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my opposition to the expansion of your base. You would be eliminating a huge part of the pleasure that comes from visiting your area. This area you are looking to destroy is a world renowned OHV location, and would create a huge loss for me and others like me that pay taxes to keep places like this available. Please consider an alternative location. OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Greg Boardman

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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-15718:

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OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. In addition, many folks come to this area as tourists and spend money, enhancing local economies.

Sincerely,

Will Decker

Response to Comment N-15719:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. If Johnson Valley goes away so does these peoples hobbies.

Sincerely,

Adam Kunkel

Response to Comment N-15720:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

David Frost

Response to Comment N-15721:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many activities are complemented by OHV use such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. and these will all be adversely affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West.

This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. This will affect the quality of life for those of us who travel to Southern California to visit the unique desert landscape we find there and nowhere else.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-15722:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-15723:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the Draft EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-15724

Comment ID: N-15724
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Eric Schaefer

Response to Comment N-15724:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Dusti Hall

Response to Comment N-15725:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15726

Comment ID: N-15726
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please, do not move into our land.

Sincerely,

Phill Kenoyer

Response to Comment N-15726:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15727

Comment ID: N-15727
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

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Comment ID: N-15728

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Anderson

Response to Comment N-15728:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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People rely on this area to get away from the city. Please dont take this away.

Sincerely,

scott miller

Response to Comment N-15729:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15730

Comment ID: N-15730
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Trey Samson

Response to Comment N-15730:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15731

Comment ID: N-15731
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-15731:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15732

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lucas Daugherty

Response to Comment N-15732:

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Comment ID: N-15733

Comment ID: N-15733
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kory Enger

Response to Comment N-15733:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15734

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Pete Day

Response to Comment N-15734:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15735

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Gordon K. Brooks
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I write in protest of the plans to expand the Marine Training area at 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley OHV area. OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California and citizens throughout the United States. Johnson Valley is a national destination, and it will be a great loss to our families if we can no longer use the lands in and around Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Gordon K. Brooks

Response to Comment N-15735:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15736

Comment ID: N-15736
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Randy Wright

Response to Comment N-15736:

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Comment ID: N-15737

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Caleb Mitchell

Response to Comment N-15737:

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Comment ID: N-15738

Comment ID: N-15738
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

aleshia kapko

Response to Comment N-15738:

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Comment ID: N-15739

Comment ID: N-15739
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Tullio
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Sincerely,

Brian Tullio

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Comment ID: N-15740

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

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Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15741

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. tom joseph
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The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,
tom joseph

Response to Comment N-15741:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15742

Comment ID: N-15742
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. scott miller
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Comment ID: N-15743

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Simon Saines

Response to Comment N-15743:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15744

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-15744:

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Comment ID: N-15745

Comment ID: N-15745
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The loss of an area such as Johnson Valley would make a huge impact on the offroad industry. Not to mention thousands of families that use the area as a recreational getaway. It is a place where family and friends can get together and enjoy a weekend of sharing, wheeling, camping and over the last few years a race that is already known almost world wide. Many OHV parks have already been lost and to lose this one would be devastating to our sport. Please reconsider. Thanks for taking the time to read my meager letter. I know there are thousands of people who feel the way I do, and thousands who feel stronger.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-15745:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-15746

Comment ID: N-15746
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-15746:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-15747

Comment ID: N-15747
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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David Frost

Response to Comment N-15747:

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Comment ID: N-15748

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lance Clifford

Response to Comment N-15748:

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Comment ID: N-15749

Comment ID: N-15749
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

neil henderson

Response to Comment N-15749:

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Comment ID: N-15750

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Kunkel

Response to Comment N-15750:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15751

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Sincerely,
Dusti Hall

Response to Comment N-15751:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15752

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Would the Marine Corps consider sharing part of the existing 29 Palms base? I doubt it. For the same reason, I doubt that the Shared Use alternative will be viable.

Please consider more strongly an Eastward expansion.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-15752:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-15753

Comment ID: N-15753
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-15753:

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Comment ID: N-15754

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Sincerely,

Scott Anderson

Response to Comment N-15754:

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-15755:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15756

Comment ID: N-15756
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Sincerely,

Lucas Daugherty

Response to Comment N-15756:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15757

Comment ID: N-15757
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Trey Samson

Response to Comment N-15757:

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Comment ID: N-15758

Comment ID: N-15758
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Pete Day

Response to Comment N-15758:

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Comment ID: N-15759

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Sincerely,
Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-15759:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15760

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Sincerely,

Randy Wright

Response to Comment N-15760:

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Comment ID: N-15761

Comment ID: N-15761
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Caleb Mitchell

Response to Comment N-15761:

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Comment ID: N-15762

Comment ID: N-15762
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-15762:

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Comment ID: N-15763

Comment ID: N-15763
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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If the USMC chooses to not use Johnson Valley, they have the choice to go elsewhere.

If the public loose the use of Johnson Valley, there is no other place like it (legally) they can go.

Sincerely,

Brian Tullio

Response to Comment N-15763:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-15764

Comment ID: N-15764
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Spencer Evans

Response to Comment N-15764:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15765

Comment ID: N-15765
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

James Dieckman

Response to Comment N-15765:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15766

Comment ID: N-15766
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Steven Kimpton

Response to Comment N-15766:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15767

Comment ID: N-15767
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Mike Owens

Response to Comment N-15767:

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Comment ID: N-15768

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Sincerely,

Philip Weaver

Response to Comment N-15768:

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-15769:

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Comment ID: N-15770

Comment ID: N-15770
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To me and others who share my passion for Off roading, The Hammer trails are just as big an Attraction as Disneyland... All the state has to do is to allow the area to be used.

Sincerely,

Chris Olson

Response to Comment N-15770:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15771

Comment ID: N-15771
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Mike Wagner

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Response to Comment N-15771:

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Comment ID: N-15772

Comment ID: N-15772
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

mike wagner

Response to Comment N-15772:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-15773

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

This is an area that is the last area in Southern California that I have been going to for over 30 years. My dad first took me to Johnson Valley when I was only 6 years old. Now I have two boys 4 and 7 that love off roading, camping in the desert and riding dirt bikes and to not have the ability to go someplace that has the size available will jeopardise the public's safety. If the OHV public only has 1 or 2 places left in Southern California to go to then the traffic at those places will greatly increase and safety decrease due to influx at those locations.

I agree that our military needs to train and support our military through and through but hope that another option can be found that does not compromise the Johnson Valley area that so many people have grown to enjoy and recreate at.

Thank you for your time.

Earle Ross

Sincerely,

Earle Ross

Response to Comment N-15773:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the reduction in availability of OHV land would cause significant impacts to recreation under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The analyses presented in the EIS acknowledge and discuss the impacts that reduced recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage and potential overcrowding in other areas, as well as related impacts to other environmental resources.

Comment ID: N-15774

Comment ID: N-15774
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-15774:

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Comment ID: N-15775

Comment ID: N-15775
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-15775:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-15776

Comment ID: N-15776
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Seriously, Johnson Valley and the Hammers Trails are "the" premier trails in the entire nation. I live 1,300 miles from Johnson Valley in northwestern Montana, and literally make the "pilgrimage" annually. I don't make this long trip to drive my OHV anywhere else in the nation.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-15776:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is the Mecca of off-roading. People come here in their 4x4s, their ATVs, motorcycles, and more. People come from literally all corners of the world to enjoy Johnson Valley as there is literally no other place on Earth open to the public just like it.

Sincerely,

Lance Clifford

Response to Comment N-15777:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15778

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Eric Schaefer

Response to Comment N-15778:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15779

Comment ID: N-15779
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dusti Hall

Response to Comment N-15779:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15780

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". I personally have benefitted from the added success of my company's products which were developed specifically at the hammers(Johnson Valley) and I am proud to say that now my heavy duty universal joints are currently being used in combat in Afghanistan. This would not have been possible without the accessibility and diversity of the Johnson Valley area. Thank you for your time.

Jack Graef, President CTM Racing Products Inc.
Axles and U-Joints Proudly Made In The USA!

Sincerely,

Jack Graef

Response to Comment N-15780:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15781

Comment ID: N-15781
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-15781:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15782

Comment ID: N-15782
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Derek Holmes
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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello,

I would like to express my concern about the Johnson Valley area and the Current project for the Marines to take over the OHV area, I'm a Canadian citizen who travels to the United states to off road and vacation to Johnson valley. as well as other OHV area around the united states.

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

I hope we re consider the current Plan to expand in Johnson valley and allow me to continue to come spend my money and vacation time in the Johnson Valley area by not going through with the current expansion plan.

Thank you for your time,

Derek H.

Sincerely,

Derek Holmes

Response to Comment N-15782:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15783

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-15783:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15784

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lucas Daugherty

Response to Comment N-15784:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15785

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Trey Samson

Response to Comment N-15785:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15786

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Without this park the famous KOH will no longer be there.

Sincerely,

Adam Kunkel

Response to Comment N-15786:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15787

Comment ID: N-15787
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Kate Overmeyer
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Sincerely,

Kate Overmeyer

Response to Comment N-15787:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15788

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Shane Kepler
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Sincerely,

Shane Kepler

Response to Comment N-15788:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15789

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Samuel Munns
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Sincerely,

Samuel Munns

Response to Comment N-15789:

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Comment ID: N-15790

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

JESSE GUTIERREZ

Response to Comment N-15790:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15791

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Robert Weller

Response to Comment N-15791:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15792

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Randy Wright

Response to Comment N-15792:

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Comment ID: N-15793

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kyle Myers
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Johnson Valley has been an amazing place to get away from the vigors of work and the economy and keep my mind on wheeling and experiencing the wilderness in my favorite way to enjoy it. Off-roading is more to me than just a hobby. I am a heavy equipment mechanic by trade, and maintain and repair multi million dollar pieces of equipment and for me to be able to build my vehicle with my own hands and be able to take it out to some of the premier off road spots in the nation and watch it perform is amazing.

The area has made an impact on thousands of people not only in the offroad community. My niece who is 3 years old remembers going to Johnson Valley and is constantly asking my Brother and I when we are taking her again. I understand the need for areas for our Department of Defense. But there is a ton of places that the US Military can use for training. Our United States Military is who makes it possible for me to enjoy the outdoors and also send a letter stating how important our public lands are. Freedom is what makes America a great nation.

Thank you for everything you do, but please consider leaving our public lands open to the public.

Thank You,

Kyle Myers

Sincerely,

Kyle Myers

Response to Comment N-15793:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15794

Comment ID: N-15794
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Rogers
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Please leave the Johnson Valley 4x4 area open to public use. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. My family has been Jeeping here for many years, as I hope my grandkids will be able to one day as well. The "KING of HAMMERS" race is now bringing international attention to this area, and it is now known as the greatest off-roading place on earth. My family are die-hard supporters of the Marines, but have to disagree with yall on this one. Please reconsider your proposal to take away this great piece of public land.

Sincerely,

Chris Rogers

Response to Comment N-15794:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15795

Comment ID: N-15795
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Reed Wetter

Response to Comment N-15795:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-15796

Comment ID: N-15796
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Benjamin Carlson
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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". OHV lands are being closed all over America. JV is one of the very rare large OHV areas still available for OHV users to enjoy. Please consider leaving this land for the OHV users.
Thanks,

Ben Carlson

Sincerely,

Benjamin Carlson

Response to Comment N-15796:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15797

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-15797:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-15798

Comment ID: N-15798
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Caleb Mitchell

Response to Comment N-15798:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

aleshia kapko

Response to Comment N-15799:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15800

Comment ID: N-15800
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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If the USMC chooses to not use Johnson Valley, they have the choice to go elsewhere.

If the public loose the use of Johnson Valley, there is no other place like it (Legally) they can go.

Sincerely,
Brian Tullio

Response to Comment N-15800:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-15801

Comment ID: N-15801
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of the offroad community that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Heritage!"

For many decades Johnson Valley Recreation Area has been an influence on family and friends lives. Removing the peoples right to have access to their own land for the purpose of enjoying each others company, communing with nature and enjoying the gifts that Mother Earth have given us, is nothing less than a travesty. Please leave Johnson Valley as it is, accessible to the people who own it, "The US Citizens!"

Peace, Love, and Harmony!

Namaste,

Allen Kurtz
President and Owner
Allen's Offroad
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Sincerely,

Allen Kurtz

Response to Comment N-15801:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15802

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. Along with the other multiple uses, it is THE Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The King of the Hammers race has made Johnson Valley a household name throughout the world. I doubt that the USMC realizes the full importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" that it entails.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Bank

Response to Comment N-15802:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-15803

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I strongly believe that balance can be attained, and the public land should remain public. This is a GREAT opportunity to the USMC to step up. Thinking of getting more people joining the Marines? Why not take advantage of this exposure and do something mutually beneficial? Several off-roaders are in the army or considering joining, do not push them away.

The Johnson Valley is the ultimate wheeling Mecca and should remain available for all recreationists.

We greatly appreciate you taking this into consideration!

Thank you!

Gui Eberhard

Sincerely,

Gui Eberhard

Response to Comment N-15803:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15804

Comment ID: N-15804
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To the Marine in charge of handling this e-mail initially, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

To the Marine that will ultimately be a part of the decisions of the 29 Palms Marine Base expansion, PLEASE, GO EAST!

The off road grounds to the west are one of the few "open designation" areas still available in the entire US. The areas of the Johnson Valley have been not just an important area to our sport, but also to hundreds of different activities. Regarding the offroad activities specifically, Johnson Valley and "the Hammers" are hallowed ground to OHV users and cannot and will not be replaced. By overtaking those lands with the base expansion, you are basically putting a huge nail in the coffin of our sport, which happens to be an entire industry that supports a large amount of people. Not to mention, you will be hurting the towns nearby in a big way as they will no longer receive our heavy doses of tourism dollars.

Please, GO EAST MARINES!
Regards,

Sincerely,
Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-15804:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-15805:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15806

Comment ID: N-15806
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-15806:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15807

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley
Johnson Valley in Southern California is the home of the Hammers trail system, and home to the famous King of the Hammers. It is a mecca for hard-core off-roading, and is much harder than the Rubicon trail, and just as important to the OHV community. People from all over the world literally travel to the hammers to wheel. Furthermore, many 4x4 companies also test their products at the Hammers.

29 Palms Marine Corps base to the East of Johnson Valley wants to expand in size. Instead of expanding east into useless wilderness areas, they want to go West into Johnson Valley with the hopes that the OHV community will not put up much of a fight.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Our youth will be affected the most, I do not like the way our future looks for them!

The loss of this area would hurt the entire OHV community. We can't let them expand West.

Sincerely,

Aaron Mosser

Response to Comment N-15807:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-15808

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. It's a way of Life!

Sincerely,

Andrew Marcelliano

Response to Comment N-15808:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15809

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

mike wagner

Response to Comment N-15809:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15810

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dusti Hall

Response to Comment N-15810:

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Comment ID: N-15811

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
chris akin

Response to Comment N-15811:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15812

Comment ID: N-15812
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Frederick Bunkley
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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-15812:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15813

Comment ID: N-15813
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Where will families go if Johnson Valley is the only vacation they go on?

Sincerely,

Adam Kunkel

Response to Comment N-15813:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15814

Comment ID: N-15814
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Frost
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Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. It is also an area that is on my list of "must visit" locations and I would love to be able to take my children along to enjoy all that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

David Frost

Response to Comment N-15814:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15815

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not take over Johnson Valley rec area. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. I have never been able to go to Johnson Vally but someday I hope to be able to. But if it is closed I will never be able to see it. I hope to go there with my family someday for recreational off-roading. But if it is taken over by the Marines I will not be able to. Go East Please!

Sincerely,
David Dye

Response to Comment N-15815:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-15816

Comment ID: N-15816
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I love teaching my daughters about the desert environment and sharing my ethic with them for responsible OHV use. Please don't take this opportunity away.

Explore opportunities to the East!

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-15816:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-15817

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Randy Charpentier
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Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

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Comment ID: N-15818

Comment ID: N-15818
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Eric Schaefer

Response to Comment N-15818:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15819

Comment ID: N-15819
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of my family have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. I and my family have used JV for many years and really enjoyed the star-lit nights without light pollution. There is nowhere like the JV area where we can camp so close to home. Please do not take our camping area away.

Sincerely,

Mary Lacy

Response to Comment N-15819:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15820

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thank you,
Donelle Colville

Sincerely,

Donelle Colville

Response to Comment N-15820:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15821

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Where will I go when all the land is closed? This is America, home of the FREE!

Sincerely,

Phill Kenoyer

Response to Comment N-15821:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15822

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-15822:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Please thing of the children.

Sincerely,
scott miller

Response to Comment N-15823:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15824

Comment ID: N-15824
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Sincerely,

Lucas Daugherty

Response to Comment N-15824:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15825

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-15825:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15826

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Trey Samson

Response to Comment N-15826:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15827

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Pete Day

Response to Comment N-15827:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15828

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Furthermore, the OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Shane Kepler

Response to Comment N-15828:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,
Dennis Tacason

Response to Comment N-15829 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day

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Response to Comment N-15829 (Page 2 of 2):

public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-15830

Comment ID: N-15830
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ethan Wright

Response to Comment N-15830:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15831

Comment ID: N-15831
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

JESSE GUTIERREZ

Response to Comment N-15831:

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Comment ID: N-15832

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Randy Wright

Response to Comment N-15832:

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Comment ID: N-15833

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Sincerely,

Benjamin Ferrier

Response to Comment N-15833:

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Comment ID: N-15834

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-15834:

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Comment ID: N-15835

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Sincerely,

Dallas Henderson

Response to Comment N-15835:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15836

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Sincerely,

Caleb Mitchell

Response to Comment N-15836:

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Sincerely,

Camille Clark

Response to Comment N-15837:

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Sincerely,

aleshia kapko

Response to Comment N-15838:

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Comment ID: N-15839

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Please reconsider alternatives to the taking of Johnson Valley from the public.

Sincerely,

Brian Tullio

Response to Comment N-15839:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15840

Comment ID: N-15840
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Sincerely,

Dennis Powell

Response to Comment N-15840:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-15841

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-15841:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Robert Tracey

Response to Comment N-15842:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-15843

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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-15843:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15844

Comment ID: N-15844
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Eric Stenzel

Response to Comment N-15844:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15845

Comment ID: N-15845
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Justin Moore

Response to Comment N-15845:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15846

Comment ID: N-15846
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-15846:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15847

Comment ID: N-15847
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-15847:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15848

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Neal Cockrell
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-15848:

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Comment ID: N-15849

Comment ID: N-15849
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Eric Longenecker
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Sacramento, CA 95825

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

In an area of our country that is prone to wildfires that grow uncontrollably, fire safety should be a large priority in considering where to expand training grounds.
With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Eric Longenecker

Response to Comment N-15849:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15850

Comment ID: N-15850
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15850:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15851

Comment ID: N-15851
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Also the amount of resources that it would take to just patrol and even fight the fires are not available.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-15851:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15852

Comment ID: N-15852
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Southern California is a very dry region and as such the risk of wild fire is always very large. Several large scale wildfires have already devastated many communities in the last few years. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Camp Pendleton has had these same issues in just the last couple of years and it has caused a great deal of worry to neighboring communities there. Expanding 29 Palms even closer to more communities puts even more people at risk.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-15852:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15853

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-15853:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15854

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-15854:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15855

Comment ID: N-15855
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Barry Fothergill
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Barry Fothergill

Response to Comment N-15855:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15856

Comment ID: N-15856
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-15856:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15857

Comment ID: N-15857
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Hardy, VA 24101

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-15857:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15858

Comment ID: N-15858
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have seen military vehicles start wildfires in the past in Michigan and New Mexico. California already is plagued with wildfires. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15858:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15859

Comment ID: N-15859
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David De Anda
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-15859:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15860

Comment ID: N-15860
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-15860:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15861

Comment ID: N-15861
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-15861:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-15862

Comment ID: N-15862
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Luke McCain
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-15862:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15863

Comment ID: N-15863
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Kevin Samuel
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Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-15863:

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Comment ID: N-15864

Comment ID: N-15864
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dylan Price
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Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-15864:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-15865

Comment ID: N-15865
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-15865:

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Comment ID: N-15866

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-15866:

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Comment ID: N-15867

Comment ID: N-15867
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-15867:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15868

Comment ID: N-15868
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-15868:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15869

Comment ID: N-15869
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-15869:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-15870

Comment ID: N-15870
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-15870:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15871

Comment ID: N-15871
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

How do the Marines Plan to deal with the damage caused to the roads and trails in Johnson Valley by these exercises? Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. A number of users have been seriously injured by encountering one of these craters unexpectedly. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-15871:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15872

Comment ID: N-15872
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills
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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-15872:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15873

Comment ID: N-15873
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15873:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

How do the Marines plan to clean up after themselves and their live fire training? Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." There is no way the general public can "Share" land that may have explosives hiding. That would cause a serious public safety issue and put the general public at risk.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-15874:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15875

Comment ID: N-15875
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

All around the world people deal with UXOs on a constant. Many times innocents are injured or killed. Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15875:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15876

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-15876:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15877

Comment ID: N-15877
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-15877:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15878

Comment ID: N-15878
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-15878:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15879:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15880

Comment ID: N-15880
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Heather Naong
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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-15880:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15881

Comment ID: N-15881
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David De Anda
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-15881:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15882

Comment ID: N-15882
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

How do the Marines plan to clean up after themselves and their live fire training? Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." There is no way the general public can "Share" land that may have explosives hiding. That would cause a serious public safety issue and put the general public at risk.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-15882:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15883

Comment ID: N-15883
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Luke McCain
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-15883:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-15884

Comment ID: N-15884
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-15884:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15885

Comment ID: N-15885
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Thousands of jobs would be lost.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-15885:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15886

Comment ID: N-15886
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ben Barrens
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-15886:

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Comment ID: N-15887

Comment ID: N-15887
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Edwin Schutt
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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-15887:

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Comment ID: N-15888

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Jamie Jackson

Response to Comment N-15888:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15889

Comment ID: N-15889
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Cauthen
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-15889:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-15890

Comment ID: N-15890
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dylan Price
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To Whom It May Concern:

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-15890:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-15891

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-15891:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-15892:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-15893:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

SONYA GALLIPEAU

Response to Comment N-15894:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15895

Comment ID: N-15895
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,
Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-15895:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15896

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15896:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-15897

Comment ID: N-15897
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry is growing by leaps and bounds, and new users are joining in every day. Currently there are only so many legal places to go off-road and many are being closed making even fewer places for all these people to go. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. In addition, with Johnson Valley being such a well known area it will likely cause a lot of people to continue to use the area illegally, whether it's intentional or not.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-15897:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-15898

Comment ID: N-15898
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Barry Fothergill

Response to Comment N-15898:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15899

Comment ID: N-15899
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-15899:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15900

Comment ID: N-15900
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-15900:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15901

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

King of the Hammer is a place where new Off-Road technology is tested and displayed. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15901:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15902

Comment ID: N-15902
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-15902:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15903

Comment ID: N-15903
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-15903:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15904

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Not only the OHV industry but any industry involved in building and testing in the automotive industry.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-15904:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15905

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even in this slow economy people are still participating in OHV recreation, and as a result they are supporting a large industry in the US. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Johnson Valley is not only a very popular destination for people to recreate but it's also a proving grounds for new products. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

In addition many people are attracted by such events and build new vehicles as a result. Since the first KOH race the industry has experienced a huge amount of growth from people wanting to build similar vehicles so that they can emulate the racers and attempt to drive the same terrain. Losing this land would be a huge loss to the local community, the users of the land, and the off-road industry as a whole.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-15905:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-15906

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Justin Moore

Response to Comment N-15906:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15907

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Smith

Response to Comment N-15907:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15908

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Eric Stenzel

Response to Comment N-15908:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15909

Comment ID: N-15909
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-15909:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15910

Comment ID: N-15910
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-15910:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15911

Comment ID: N-15911
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-15911:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15912

Comment ID: N-15912
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-15912:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15913

Comment ID: N-15913
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Neal Cockrell
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Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-15913:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15914

Comment ID: N-15914
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged and if shared use is to be considered this issue must be resolved. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-15914:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15915

Comment ID: N-15915
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged and if shared use is to be considered this issue must be resolved. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-15915:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15916

Comment ID: N-15916
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-15916:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15917

Comment ID: N-15917
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS. Please East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15917:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15918

Comment ID: N-15918
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kaye

Response to Comment N-15918:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15919

Comment ID: N-15919
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

How do the Marines Plan to deal with the damage caused to the roads and trails in Johnson Valley by these exercises? Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. A number of users have been seriously injured by encountering one of these craters unexpectedly. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-15919:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-15920:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-15921

Comment ID: N-15921
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Even if we do share the JV with the Marines there are currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15921:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-15922

Comment ID: N-15922
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-15922:

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Comment ID: N-15923

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-15923:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-15924

Comment ID: N-15924
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-15924:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-15925

Comment ID: N-15925
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Nickel
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-15925:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15926

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-15926:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,
Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-15927:

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Comment ID: N-15928

Comment ID: N-15928
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-15928:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-15929

Comment ID: N-15929
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-15929:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15930

Comment ID: N-15930
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-15930:

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Comment ID: N-15931

Comment ID: N-15931
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-15931:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15932

Comment ID: N-15932
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-15932:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-15933

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The conflicts of last several decades have all been small scale.. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15933:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15934

Comment ID: N-15934
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Do we really need to train to such extent that this area would provide? I think not, we should keep our military home and safe.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-15934:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15935

Comment ID: N-15935
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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Muskogee, OK 74403

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-15935:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15936

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

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Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-15936:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15937:

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Comment ID: N-15938

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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Bakersfield, CA 93311

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15938:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15939

Comment ID: N-15939
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-15939:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15940

Comment ID: N-15940
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area. While I fully support the USMC, I have to ask. Is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-15940:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-15941
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Looking at the types of wars we are fighting now I have to question the need for such large training exercises. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? When our own military leaders have been saying that the style of battles have changed and that today the emphasis is on smaller more targeted assaults it just seems that this expansion is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-15941:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15942

Comment ID: N-15942
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-15942:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The conflicts of last several decades have all been small scale. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-15943:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-15944

Comment ID: N-15944
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Robbie McIntosh

Response to Comment N-15944:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15945

Comment ID: N-15945
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-15945:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15946

Comment ID: N-15946
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Wubben

Response to Comment N-15946:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15947

Comment ID: N-15947
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Donald Kelly

Response to Comment N-15947:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15948

Comment ID: N-15948
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith

Response to Comment N-15948:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15949

Comment ID: N-15949
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-15949:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15950

Comment ID: N-15950
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-15950:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15951

Comment ID: N-15951
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-15951:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15952

Comment ID: N-15952
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-15952:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15953

Comment ID: N-15953
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Cauthen
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-15953:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15954

Comment ID: N-15954
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Samuel Sievert
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area, and potentially destroy the beauty of the site.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-15954:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15955

Comment ID: N-15955
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-15955:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15956

Comment ID: N-15956
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is very unique in it's scenery. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. It seems almost criminal to me for anyone to treat such a beautiful piece of land, that so many people love and enjoy like just one more bombing range to be destroyed at will.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-15956:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15957

Comment ID: N-15957
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Desert is a beautiful place, it's beauty can only be captured by being there.

As the wife of a photographer I see that the beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-15957:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15958

Comment ID: N-15958
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-15958:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15959

Comment ID: N-15959
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15959:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15960

Comment ID: N-15960
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-15960:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15961

Comment ID: N-15961
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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Bakersfield, CA 93311

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15961:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15962

Comment ID: N-15962
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-15962:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15963

Comment ID: N-15963
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-15963:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15964

Comment ID: N-15964
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Neal Cockrell
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-15964:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15965

Comment ID: N-15965
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is very unique in it's scenery. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. It seems almost criminal to me for anyone to treat such a beautiful piece of land, that so many people love and enjoy like just one more bombing range to be destroyed at will.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-15965:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-15966

Comment ID: N-15966
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Erie, PA 16507

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-15966:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-15967

Comment ID: N-15967
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-15967:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15968

Comment ID: N-15968
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-15968:

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Comment ID: N-15969

Comment ID: N-15969
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-15969:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

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Comment ID: N-15970

Comment ID: N-15970
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-15970:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

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Comment ID: N-15971

Comment ID: N-15971
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-15971:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15972

Comment ID: N-15972
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. Can we afford this as a country?

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-15972:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15973

Comment ID: N-15973
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I've been looking at a number of the documents that have been published about the 29 Palms base expansion and so far I've seen nothing dealing with what it will cost. Do we even know what the cost is? Can we afford this? Even if we can afford it, does it make sense to spend tax dollars on expanding rather than using it somewhere else? From what I've seen The Corps has failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-15973:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15974

Comment ID: N-15974
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brannon Gragg
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

The area of JV is bringing in money not COSTING MONEY.....

Sincerely,

Brannon Gragg

Response to Comment N-15974:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15975

Comment ID: N-15975
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-15975:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15976

Comment ID: N-15976
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. I don't see how a decision could be made logically with an oversight of this nature.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-15976:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15977

Comment ID: N-15977
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

During the current fiscal environment is it wise to spend the cash for the expansion? I believe that the Corps failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability,

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15977:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15978

Comment ID: N-15978
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15978:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15979

Comment ID: N-15979
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-15979:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15980

Comment ID: N-15980
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Heather Naong
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-15980:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15981

Comment ID: N-15981

Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Glass

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Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-15981:

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Comment ID: N-15982

Comment ID: N-15982
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Heath
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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability of expanding 29 Palms.

Several years ago, the Army's Ft Irwin also expanded in size.

Since then, because of lack of funding to complete additional studies and to expand infrastructure, only one section of the area to Ft. Irwin that was added is currently in use by the Army. Areas that they considered "critical" for their training, especially to the South are NOT in use.

In a post OEF world, the Marine Corps, with even less funding than it has had in the past will run into the same issues with 29 Palms. The DEIS does not address this issue. If the land is annexed by the Marines, much of it will be able to be put into use because of lack of funding.

The DEIS needs to either be completely thrown out, or this issue needs to be added into the DEIS and addressed.

I feel the expansion project into Johnson Valley is based upon outdated needs, and the project should be put on hold.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-15982:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

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Comment ID: N-15983

Comment ID: N-15983
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-15983:

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Comment ID: N-15984

Comment ID: N-15984
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-15984:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-15985

Comment ID: N-15985
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-15985:

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Comment ID: N-15986

Comment ID: N-15986
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-15986:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-15987

Comment ID: N-15987
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Eric Stenzel

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Comment ID: N-15988

Comment ID: N-15988
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Justin Moore

Response to Comment N-15988:

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Comment ID: N-15989

Comment ID: N-15989
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-15989:

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Comment ID: N-15990

Comment ID: N-15990
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-15990:

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Comment ID: N-15991

Comment ID: N-15991
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-15991:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-15992

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There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-15992:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-15993

Comment ID: N-15993
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-15993:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-15994

Comment ID: N-15994
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Noise pollution is no laughing matter, and it would also kill property values for those that live close to Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-15994:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-15995

Comment ID: N-15995
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Has any thought gone into the impact on the surrounding homes and residents in terms of sound and disturbance? There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. It seems that the Marines would be making themselves into very poor neighbors by moving next to people who have lived there for decades, then using explosives in close proximity. Many people in the area are large supporters of the military, but would be very displeased by this.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-15995:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Has any thought gone into the impact on the surrounding homes and residents in terms of sound and disturbance? There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. It seems that the Marines would be making themselves into very poor neighbors by moving next to people who have lived there for decades, then using explosives in close proximity. Many people in the area are large supporters of the military, but would be very displeased by this.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-15996:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-15997

Comment ID: N-15997
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-15997:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-15998

Comment ID: N-15998
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-15998:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-15999

Comment ID: N-15999
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

What? I can't hear ya! This is what many of the residents who live near 29 Palms say daily. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-15999:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16000

Comment ID: N-16000
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-16000:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16001

Comment ID: N-16001
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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riverdale, UT 84405

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-16001:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16002

Comment ID: N-16002
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Donald Kelly
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Donald Kelly

Response to Comment N-16002:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16003

Comment ID: N-16003
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16003:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16004

Comment ID: N-16004
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. When that happens already thin government resources will have to be allocated in the attempt to stop that activity. We cannot afford to let Johnson Valley become off limits to public use.

Sincerely,

sean farrar

Response to Comment N-16004:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16005

Comment ID: N-16005
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space or other alternatives, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and cause greater problems than maintaining the current use of Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16005:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16006

Comment ID: N-16006
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space or other alternatives, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and cause greater problems than maintaining the current use of Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16006:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16007

Comment ID: N-16007
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Cauthen
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16007:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16008

Comment ID: N-16008
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Edwin Schutt
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space or other alternatives, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and cause greater problems than maintaining the current use of Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16008:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16009

Comment ID: N-16009
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Please choose a different avenue in order to keep our public lands open. We'd like to promote safe and legal means of OHV use if Johnson Valley and the Hammers are lost many people will lose a means to recreate.

Sincerely,
Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-16009:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16010

Comment ID: N-16010
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Samuel Sievert
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16010:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16011

Comment ID: N-16011
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Todd Fitzsimmons
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. The OHV users who frequent the Johnson Valley area come there for many reasons. Closing it down would cause a detrimental effect to other areas as they are bombarded with new traffic that is looking for the same recreational opportunities that J.V. provides now.
Thanks

Sincerely,

Todd Fitzsimmons

Response to Comment N-16011:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16012

Comment ID: N-16012
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16012:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16013

Comment ID: N-16013
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Luz Nixon
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

More and more off-road areas are being closed. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16013:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16014

Comment ID: N-16014
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This expansion will force offroaders of all types to seek areas that are not legal to wheel in. It will also create illegal wheeling in Johnson Valley itself by those that don't realize the area has been closed.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16014:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16015

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Lara Goins

Response to Comment N-16015:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16016

Comment ID: N-16016
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16016:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16017

Comment ID: N-16017
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

More and more off-road areas are being closed. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16017:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16018

Comment ID: N-16018
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

More and more off-road areas are being closed. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16018:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16019

Comment ID: N-16019
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Hardy, VA 24101

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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16019:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16020

Comment ID: N-16020
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. ben davidson
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This is not what we want as a 4 wheel community. Please don't take this land. We need this place set aside for us and our families.

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-16020:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16021

Comment ID: N-16021
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16021:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16022

Comment ID: N-16022
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Lockwood
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Conyers, GA 30

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space for ORV enthusiasts, it will encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Lockwood

Response to Comment N-16022:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16023

Comment ID: N-16023
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16023:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16024

Comment ID: N-16024
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Neal Cockrell
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and cause greater problems than maintaining the current use of Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16024:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Comment ID: N-16025

Comment ID: N-16025
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space or other alternatives, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and cause greater problems than maintaining the current use of Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16025:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Comment ID: N-16026

Comment ID: N-16026
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry is growing by leaps and bounds, and new users are joining in every day. Currently there are only so many legal places to go off-road and many are being closed making even fewer places for all these people to go. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. In addition, with Johnson Valley being such a well known area it will likely cause a lot of people to continue to use the area illegally, whether it's intentional or not.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16026:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16027

Comment ID: N-16027
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Amanda Smith
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Please heavily consider other expansion options, if there is a need to expand at all!

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16027:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16028

Comment ID: N-16028
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Please consider expanding East so that we may use already established trails in a legal manner and discourage people from illegal OHV use.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16028:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16029

Comment ID: N-16029
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Luke McCain
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to thoroughly go over the documents effectively. Please extend the current public comment period.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-16029:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16030

Comment ID: N-16030
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Yanna
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Sincerely,
Jason Yanna

Response to Comment N-16030:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16031

Comment ID: N-16031
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Harlan
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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-16031:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16032

Comment ID: N-16032
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Jake Protis

Response to Comment N-16032:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16033

Comment ID: N-16033
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Cauthen
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Bogart, GA 30622

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16033:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16034

Comment ID: N-16034
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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West Covina, CA 91791

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. This is a very important issue and the general population needs time to review said documents.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16034:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16035

Comment ID: N-16035
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Palm Desert, CA 92260

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16035:

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Comment ID: N-16036

Comment ID: N-16036
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16036:

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Comment ID: N-16037

Comment ID: N-16037
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Regards,
Ben Barrens

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16037:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16038

Comment ID: N-16038
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Samuel Sievert
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16038:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16039

Comment ID: N-16039
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Nickel
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16039

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16040

Comment ID: N-16040
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Luz Nixon
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are so many people who use Johnson Valley, many who do not live near it but travel from all across the states. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,
Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16040:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16041

Comment ID: N-16041
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills
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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16041:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16042

Comment ID: N-16042
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16042:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16043

Comment ID: N-16043
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Let me begin by thanking you for taking the time to read these letters. Too often the objections of people involved in situations like this fall on deaf ears. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. I personally feel that more time is needed so that the people who are making the decisions can look even deeper into just how much damage this decision would cause. Not only will it deeply affect the local economy, but it will have severe impact on the environment, the family lives of those in the area, and the OHV community as a whole.

Sincerely,
Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-16043:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-16044

Comment ID: N-16044
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16044:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16045

Comment ID: N-16045
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Folt

Response to Comment N-16045

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16046

Comment ID: N-16046
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16046:

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Comment ID: N-16047

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16047

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16048

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are so many people who use Johnson Valley, many who do not live near it but travel from all across the states. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16048:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16049:

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Comment ID: N-16050

Comment ID: N-16050
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Upon trying to find the proper mailing address for sending in my comments, I realized that it was not included in the DEIS document and was VERY difficult difficult to find, if not excluded, from every other typical place a concerned citizen may look when they try to find a way to submit any comments they have. I had to rely on a friend who finally dug it up on the Federal Register. How many Americans would know to look on the Federal Register to find an address so important to submitting their comments DURING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD? This alone is enough to demonstrate that people are NOT encouraged to submit their comments and views on this very important subject that affects millions of people.

Due to this major oversight (or possible planned act of discouraging the public to comment), a large percentage of the public may have not found a way to submit their opinions. This means the address(es) should be posted clearly and VERY publicly and the time-period for comments extended.

Furthermore, the amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents.

That is two-strikes against the way the public comment period has been handled and all-the-more reason to review what has gone wrong, correct the blatant mistakes, and extend the public comment period to a length of time that satisfies the condition that Americans get a truly fair shot at reviewing all of the documents and issues and having a simple and effective way for them to submit their comments because this time, you'll actually provide the mailing address in locations where EVERYONE who is interested, can find it.

Sincerely,
Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-16050:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16051

Comment ID: N-16051
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dylan Price
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Sincerely,

Dylan Price

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Comment ID: N-16052

Comment ID: N-16052
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16052:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16053

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16053:

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Comment ID: N-16054

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Cauthen
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16054:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16055

Comment ID: N-16055
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jake Protis
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Sincerely,

Jake Protis

Response to Comment N-16055:

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Comment ID: N-16056

Comment ID: N-16056
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Alderman
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Alderman

Response to Comment N-16056:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16057

Comment ID: N-16057
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bobby Johnson
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Sincerely,

Bobby Johnson

Response to Comment N-16057:

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Comment ID: N-16058

Comment ID: N-16058
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-16058:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16059

Comment ID: N-16059
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Nickel
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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16059:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16060

Comment ID: N-16060
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Edwin Schutt
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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16060:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-16061

Comment ID: N-16061
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ben Barrens
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Regards,
Ben Barrens

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

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Comment ID: N-16062

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,
Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16062:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16063

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a retired Senior NCO from the Air Force, I know how military vehicles can Spring Leaks.

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16063:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16064

Comment ID: N-16064
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. Additionally, myself and many others actively participate in land clean-up events throughout the year to preserve the area. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. As off road enthusiasts, we take a lot of pride in minimizing our environmental footprint in the areas that we use. I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great environmental impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Sian

Response to Comment N-16064:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-16065

Comment ID: N-16065
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

For many years we have been under great scrutiny for our handling of the off highway areas. We as an offroad community have developed many ways to handle our use with dignity and cleanliness. There have been products developed that only the OHV community have helped to evolve into everyday trail tools. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Thanks, Ken

Sincerely,

Ken Rice

Response to Comment N-16065:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16066

Comment ID: N-16066
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned by the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

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Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16066:

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Comment ID: N-16067

Comment ID: N-16067
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the pleasure of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16067:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16068

Comment ID: N-16068
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16068:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16069

Comment ID: N-16069
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

One of the biggest concerns I have with the Marines taking over Johnson Valley is the damage it may cause to the land. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. When something breaks during recreation we have the time to properly clean up after ourselves. I question whether or not this will be true during a training exercise that simulates battle, where there is not time to worry about such things. Johnson Valley is a beautiful place that many people love and cherish as their own, it would pain me to see it spoiled because you were in too much of a hurry to keep it clean.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16069:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16070

Comment ID: N-16070
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off-roaders and campers care about the land. We carry spill kits and lay tarps under our vehicles to deter any fluids (motor oil, ATF, gear fluid, etc) from leaving their mark in the pristine desert. With the proposal to expand West, many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, may be spilled on the desert floor. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. The community has taken much time and effort to education and practice "do no harm" and we would like to see that effort continue in Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16070:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16071

Comment ID: N-16071
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a retired Senior NCO from the Air Force, I know how military vehicles can Spring Leaks. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16071:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16072

Comment ID: N-16072
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16072:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16073

Comment ID: N-16073
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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Bakersfield, CA 93311

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16073:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16074

Comment ID: N-16074
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Who will watch out over the Marines when they do spill fluids? What plans do they have to prevent spills and how would they clean them up?

Beverly Folena

Sincerely,

Beverly Folena

Response to Comment N-16074

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16075

Comment ID: N-16075
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. We have done everything in our power to keep this and all other areas that we recreat in to keep it pristine. I don't think that the marines will do the same. To us this land is our sanctuary. To the marines it is just some testing ground. The leaders may tell the troop to do certain things because of requirement, however each and every person will not feel it is their duty to keep it clean.

Sincerely,
Ben Davidson

Sincerely,
ben davidson

Response to Comment N-16075:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16076

Comment ID: N-16076
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. The impact to the environment also needs to be studied and considered.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16076:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16077

Comment ID: N-16077
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dylan Price
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

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Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16077:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-16078

Comment ID: N-16078
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Please consider environmental impact.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16078:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16079

Comment ID: N-16079
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Billy Nickel
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To Whom It May Concern:

The people of Lucerne Valley and Landers rely on wells for water and with many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Please expand to the east.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-16079:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16080

Comment ID: N-16080
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Christopher Alderman

Response to Comment N-16080:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16081

Comment ID: N-16081
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Tyler Turner

Response to Comment N-16081:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16082

Comment ID: N-16082
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Yanna
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires and stay to specific trails. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Jason Yanna

Response to Comment N-16082:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-16083

Comment ID: N-16083
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16083:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16084

Comment ID: N-16084
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-16084:

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Comment ID: N-16085
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16085:

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Comment ID: N-16086

Comment ID: N-16086
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16086:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

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Comment ID: N-16088

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

DHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from DHV use.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16088:

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Comment ID: N-16089

Comment ID: N-16089
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16089:

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Comment ID: N-16090

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16090:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16091:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16092

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16092:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16093:

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Comment ID: N-16094

Comment ID: N-16094
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. dustin brueckner
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. I have personally used a tracked skidloader for landscaping, and there was multiple jobs we could not use it on because of how badly it tore up the ground. Tracked vehicles on top of ordnance will destroy johnson valley very quickly and it needs to be addressed.

Sincerely,

dustin brueckner

Response to Comment N-16094:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-16095

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16095:

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Comment ID: N-16096

Comment ID: N-16096
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foll
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foll

Response to Comment N-16096:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16097

Comment ID: N-16097
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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Off roaders for the most part stick to designated trails. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16097:

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Comment ID: N-16098

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16098:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16099:

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Comment ID: N-16100

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16100:

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Comment ID: N-16101

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Please consider using alternate equipment or not using the area at all.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16101:

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Comment ID: N-16102

Comment ID: N-16102
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Amber Cisneros
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Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16102:

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Comment ID: N-16103

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16103:

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Comment ID: N-16104

Comment ID: N-16104
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Luke McCain
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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-16104:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16105

Comment ID: N-16105
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Lindsay Wubben

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Comment ID: N-16106

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Nickel
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William Nickel

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Comment ID: N-16107

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

dan motaz

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Comment ID: N-16108

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I reside in Canada and bring my family to Johnson Valley every year for vacation. I do realize, and certainly appreciate the importance of the marines and what they do, but at the same time feel strongly that there are better alternatives than encroaching on more than 2/3 of the most important land in the world for offroad racing events.

Sincerely,

Aaron Russell

Response to Comment N-16108:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16109

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16109:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16110

Comment ID: N-16110
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Palm Desert, CA 92260

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, the area east of the base is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms than the area to the west.

Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16110:

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Comment ID: N-16111

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ben Barrrens

Response to Comment N-16111:

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Comment ID: N-16112

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16112:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16113

Comment ID: N-16113
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Lots of people use Johnson Valley. Who uses the wilderness area to the east?

Sincerely,

Bobby Johnson

Response to Comment N-16113:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16114

Comment ID: N-16114
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. You will have more area, that is better controlled by marines, that is not used by the public. Please GO EAST MARINES

Sincerely,
Brandon Sisk

Response to Comment N-16114:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16115

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16115:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16116

Comment ID: N-16116
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16116:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16117

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Alan H

Response to Comment N-16117:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16118

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16118:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16119

Comment ID: N-16119
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. SONYA GALLIPEAU
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

SONYA GALLIPEAU

Response to Comment N-16119:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16120

Comment ID: N-16120
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Why take recreation area away from so many people that use it? Use an area that would help the military and not affect the public rec area...

Sincerely,

Brannon Gragg

Response to Comment N-16120:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16121

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dallas Ashley
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are other options for this expansion that do not involve Johnson Valley, and would better serve the general public. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. If it's space that is truly needed then east is the direction to go.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16121:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16122

Comment ID: N-16122
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Nevada City, CA 95959

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Please expand East not West. Johnson Valley is too important to the OHV community and the economy of Southern California to lose. Thank you

Sincerely,

Dennis McMurray

Response to Comment N-16122:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16123

Comment ID: N-16123
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

What I don't understand is why the need to encroach on the limited space that we are allowed to use as the general public as there are other options available. We all know that there is other land ready to be used and may even be a better location.I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Ken Rice

Response to Comment N-16123:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16124

Comment ID: N-16124
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Luz Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

Looking at the satellite imagery I can see the vastness of the Johnson valley. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16124:

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Comment ID: N-16125

Comment ID: N-16125
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Robert Pollock
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Belmar, NJ 07719

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I have seen some beautiful pictures of Johnson Valley and I hope to visit there in the near future.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Please help us protect our precious vanishing open spaces.

thank you for all of your service to this great country.

Sincerely
Robert D Pollock.

Sincerely,
Robert Pollock

Response to Comment N-16125:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16126

Comment ID: N-16126
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jacob szugda
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Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-16126:

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Comment ID: N-16127

Comment ID: N-16127
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Jason Seaman

Response to Comment N-16127:

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Comment ID: N-16128

Comment ID: N-16128
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Roanoke, TX 76262

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Lara Goins

Response to Comment N-16128:

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Comment ID: N-16129

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16129:

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Comment ID: N-16130

Comment ID: N-16130
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Hardy, VA 24101

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; It is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16130:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16131

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16131:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16132

Comment ID: N-16132
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

The expansion of 29 Palms is a delicate issue for me. I believe our military deserves the very best, regardless of the cost. After reviewing the EIS, I simply can't agree that the expansion of 29 Palms is in the best interest of the Marines. There are countless errors and omissions to the EIS. It doesn't properly address the expansion's impact on OHV culture, the availability of public land for use by all user groups, its impact on the local community, the needs of the Marine corps as dictated on numerous occasions by its leadership, the affect on the families that enjoy the Johnson Valley OHV, whether this expansion is properly budgeted FOR and/or a good use of the Marine's resources, air impacts, water impacts or erosion impacts. Shall I go on?

These errors alone should be just cause for the EIS to be removed, the process started over, and a real evaluation of the true needs for today's Marine Corps. My first request is the removal of this EIS. If after carefully consideration all of it's shortfalls you still believe expansion is necessary, I implore you to expand East instead of West. Land to the east is designated Wilderness Area that is off limits to public use, and already controlled by the Federal Government. While I believe this expansion is still a poor deployment of financial resources, the expansion East will minimize all of the other impacts the 29 Palms expansion will have. Please GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-16132:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-16133

Comment ID: N-16133
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16133:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16134:

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kyle Singleton

Response to Comment N-16135:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-16136:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16137

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. James Leonard III
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

The loss or limitation of one of this nations greatest offroading public venues would be a tragic loss for our sport and the public in general. I understand the implications of further studies and loss of time, but the american public cannot afford to lose anymore ground. We are rapidly being blocked out of our national forests, and now to be pushed out of the way by our armed forces cannot be stood for.

Sincerely,

James Leonard III

Response to Comment N-16137:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16138

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, the area east of the base is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms than the area to the west.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16138:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are other options for this expansion that do not involve Johnson Valley, and would better serve the general public. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. If it's space that is truly needed then east is the direction to go.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16139

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16140

Comment ID: N-16140
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brandon Watson
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use in the US has increased dramatically through the years. With this increase in use it has become vital to the users to have designated and safe areas to go recreate. The Johnson Valley area provides this area to many users. With the recent surge in offroad racing Johnson Valley has become even more of an asset to the OHV community.

The loss of Johnson Valley would be detrimental to the OHV industry in the form of lost events and testing areas. There are many users that have come to love the terrain and the activities that are afforded by the Johnson Valley area. I encourage the Marines to look into alternate areas to expand the 29 Palms base. There are areas to the east that with a bit of work would provide more secure and safer alternatives than the Johnson Valley area.

At minimum an in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done prior to the base expansion.

Sincerely,

Brandon Watson

Response to Comment N-16140:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16141

Comment ID: N-16141
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,
Eric Stenzel

Response to Comment N-16141:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16142

Comment ID: N-16142
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tyler Turner

Response to Comment N-16142:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Alderman
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Sincerely,

Christopher Alderman

Response to Comment N-16143:

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Comment ID: N-16144

Comment ID: N-16144
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Yanna
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Jason Yanna

Response to Comment N-16144:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-16145

Comment ID: N-16145
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Harlan
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Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-16145

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-16146

Comment ID: N-16146
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jake Protis
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. We appreciate you keeping our country safe, but please do it at home as well!

Sincerely,

Jake Protis

Response to Comment N-16146:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16147

Comment ID: N-16147
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jamie Jackson
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Sincerely,

Jamie Jackson

Response to Comment N-16147

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Comment ID: N-16148

Comment ID: N-16148
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16148:

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Comment ID: N-16149

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16149:

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Comment ID: N-16150

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ben Barrens
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Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16150:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-16151

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Samuel Sievert
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16151:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16152

Comment ID: N-16052
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16152:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16153

Comment ID: N-16153
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16153:

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Comment ID: N-16154

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dallas Ashley
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To Whom It May Concern:

Right now the boundaries of 29 Palms are barely marked, and hardly well defined. I've driven along the boundary along the edge of Johnson Valley and had no idea why there were some old rusty barrels half buried in the sand until a friend told me that was the base border. I couldn't believe how easy it was to simply drive right past that line without even knowing. No fence, no signs, nothing. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. There are literally hundreds of places where people enter Johnson Valley currently. I can't see how they could all be properly policed to prevent people from entering when the current boundary line is so completely lacking.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16154:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-16155

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Luz Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have seen other ranges that do not have adequate controls to keep civilians off the range. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,
Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16155:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16156

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Imposing on an area that is widely used and appreciated, too many people will be entering into training areas unwittingly. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Eric Longenecker

Response to Comment N-16156:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16157

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Not only during the KOH race, but throughout the year, off-highway and other recreational uses brings thousands of users to the area. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16157:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-16158

Comment ID: N-16158
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. The amount of people that could possibly injured due to the fact that they would not even know the area had been closed would be staggering.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16158:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16159

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16159:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16160

Comment ID: N-16160
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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omaha, NE 68106

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Humans by nature explore and many will unknowingly wander into 29 palms if it happens to be during a live fire exercise then it could be fatal. this is an issue that needs to be addressed and the area east of 29 palms sees a lot less people.

Sincerely,

dustin brueckner

Response to Comment N-16160:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16161

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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Muskogee, OK 74403

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16161:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16162

Comment ID: N-16162
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have seen other ranges that do not have adequate controls to keep civilians off the range. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16162:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-16163

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Hardy, VA 24101

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16163:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16164

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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Bakersfield, CA 93311

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16164:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16165

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have seen other ranges that do not have adequate controls to keep civilians off the range. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16165:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-16166

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Heather Naong
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Sacramento, CA 95833

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Please reconsider expanding into the Johnson Valley area. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16166:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16167

Comment ID: N-16167
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Amanda Smith
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Rocklin, CA 95677

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Expanding Twentynine Palms into an area that has long been open to the public would increase the amount of people wandering in accidentally. Currently the Marines find many of these wanderers already finding they are in the wrong area in Twentynine Palms. It seems this increase would stop if the expansion were to happen in another direction, somewhere the public doesn't already have access too.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16167:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16168

Comment ID: N-16168
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Changing this to private land will lead to a lot of confusion and put the general public in danger. Please consider expanding East as the public generally does not go into that area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16168:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Amber Cisneros
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To Whom It May Concern:

Right now the boundaries of 29 Palms are barely marked, and hardly well defined. I've driven along the boundary along the edge of Johnson Valley and had no idea why there were some old rusty barrels half buried in the sand until a friend told me that was the base border. I couldn't believe how easy it was to simply drive right past that line without even knowing. No fence, no signs, nothing. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. There are literally hundreds of places where people enter Johnson Valley currently. I can't see how they could all be properly policed to prevent people from entering when the current boundary line is so completely lacking.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16169:

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Comment ID: N-16170

Comment ID: N-16170
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Samuel
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Carterville, IL 62918

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-16170:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-16171

Comment ID: N-16171
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Luke McCain
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Erie, PA 16507

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-16171:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, travelling through Johnson Valley, the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-16172:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Comment ID: N-16173

Comment ID: N-16173
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Nickel
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Los Angeles, CA 90029

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Do you really expect people to sell their homes and move because of your dust?

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16173:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-16174

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Nickel
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16174

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-16175

Comment ID: N-16175
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Cauthen
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Bogart, GA 30622

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, travelling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16175:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-16176

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Cauthen
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, travelling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16176:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-16177

Comment ID: N-16177
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Edwin Schult
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Palm Desert, CA 92260

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Edwin Schult

Response to Comment N-16177:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley, the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16178:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Comment ID: N-16179



Response to Comment N-16179:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Comment ID: N-16180

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Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16180:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Comment ID: N-16181

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16181:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16182:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Comment ID: N-16183

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16183:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-16184

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16184:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,
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Response to Comment N-16185:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16186:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16187:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

COUGH! COUGH! California already has air pollution issues. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,
Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16188:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16189:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-16190

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. They also need to realize the amount of destruction to the environment that will accrue with tracked vehicles and the amount of troops that would be involved.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16190:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-16191

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Have the Marines done any kind of research into the impact that large scale exercises in Johnson Valley will have on the local air quality? With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. In addition to the dust thrown into the air during exercises the increased traffic and tearing up of the soil by these vehicles will cause much more dust to be picked up by the high winds that frequently occur in the area even long after a training exercise has ended.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16191:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Has the Marine Corps done any sort of research on the possible effects of large vehicle movements in regards to air quality and pollution in the area? With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. Currently the majority of users are driving gasoline powered vehicles that are heavily controlled and tested for their emissions via the California Smog program. How much damage could we see to our air due to this expansion and the proposed exercises?

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16192:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Comment ID: N-16194
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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16193:

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

GO EAST!!!! Save the valley for future generations of outdoor enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

Patrick Karnash

Response to Comment N-16195:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16196

Comment ID: N-16196
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16196:

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-16197:

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Comment ID: N-16198

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16198:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Michael Nixon

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. This footprint dwarfs anything the offroad community could generate!

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16200:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-16201

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To Whom It May Concern:

Global Warming is a controversial issue and with massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16201:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-16202

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16202:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-16203:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-16204:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-16205

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16205:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-16206

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Sian

Response to Comment N-16206:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16207

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To Whom It May Concern:

Has the Marine Corps done any sort of research on the possible effects of large vehicle movements in regards to air quality and pollution in the area? With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. Currently the majority of users are driving gasoline powered vehicles that are heavily controlled and tested for their emissions via the California Smog program. How much damage could we see to our air due to this expansion and the proposed exercises?

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16207:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Have the Marines done any kind of research into the impact that large scale exercises in Johnson Valley will have on the local air quality? With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. In addition to the dust thrown into the air during exercises the increased traffic and tearing up of the soil by these vehicles will cause much more dust to be picked up by the high winds that frequently occur in the area even long after a training exercise has ended.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16208:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16209:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16210:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Instead of expanding 29 Palms Marine Base, it makes far more sense to train using the un-used time and locations already available at Fort Irwin. That base was expanded years ago and has not been used nearly to its potential. Do not ignore the fact that the funding saved by taking the Ft. Irwin option is the RIGHT THING TO DO. Do not make false assumptions that Ft Irwin could not be used to properly gain the extra training the current missions of the US Marine Corps needs. Marines can get what they need at Fort Irwin, doing so at a far smaller cost, far smaller infrastructure commitment, and utilize lands that are fully under-used, versus taking away lands used for recreation and tourism in the area surrounding Johnson Valley. Please, do not expand the 29 Palms Marine Base into Johnson Valley!

Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-16211:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps has excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. For all that will be lost by the expansion into Johnson Valley, it is owed to the multiple use groups involved to consider alternative options with a clear and open mind.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16212:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16213:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-16214

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Thank you and take care.

Sincerely,

Erin Penniman

Response to Comment N-16214:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

The Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16215

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps has excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. For all that will be lost by the expansion into Johnson Valley, it is owed to the multiple use groups involved to consider alternative options with a clear and open mind.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16215:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-16216

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The Corps has excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. For all that will be lost by the expansion into Johnson Valley, it is owed to the multiple use groups involved to consider alternative options with a clear and open mind.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16216:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

29 Palms is not the only military base where training can take place. The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. To make assumptions like this without any real investigation is just plain wrong, and it's doing a huge disservice to the people that this plan affects. I'd like to suggest that the Marines take another look at other training areas that are already available to them before taking over land that is highly valued by the public that's paying for this training.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16217:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-16218

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. I think that the use of an existing base would be a far easier and more cost effective option for the additional training being strived for. Through some extra effort and cooperation I think the use of the existing base at Fort Irwin would be beneficial for all parties involved.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Todd Fitzsimmons

Response to Comment N-16218:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a retired Air Force Senior NCO, I know how easy it is to blame scheduling. Sometimes it's easier to do than to do the leg work to do-conflict schedules. The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16219:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16220:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. That study must not have included the administrative hurdle and conflict you would be facing outside of the Corps when trying to take away public land from OHV enthusiasts. It seems that expanding East instead would be a viable option and a win/win situation.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16221:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16222:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. I am sure that the leaders of the corps are intelligent enough to figure this one out. Please do not take our land from us!

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-16223:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16224:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16225:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a retired Air Force Senior NCO, I know how easy it is to blame scheduling. Sometimes it's easier to do than to do the leg work to do-conflict schedules. The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16226:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16227:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Please study scheduling more in-depth and figure out a way to balance all activities utilizing Fort Irwin rather than expanding at 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16228:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

29 Palms is not the only military base where training can take place. The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. To make assumptions like this without any real investigation is just plain wrong, and it's doing a huge disservice to the people that this plan affects. I'd like to suggest that the Marines take another look at other training areas that are already available to them before taking over land that is highly valued by the public that's paying for this training.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16229:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Several years ago, the Army's Ft Irwin expanded in size. The proposed expansion of 29 Palms is even larger in size.

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated,

Since then, because of lack of funding to complete additional studies and to expand infrastructure, only one section of the area to Ft. Irwin that was added is currently in use by the Army. Areas that they considered "critical" for their training, especially to the South are NOT in use.

Has this change in the Ft. Irwin area been readdressed?
Is there a possibility that the Marines could use the existing, unused areas at Ft. Irwin?

The Marine Corps, with even less funding than it has had in the past will run into the same issues with 29 Palms. The DEIS does not address this issue. If the land is annexed by the Marines, much of it will not be able to be put into use because of lack of funding.

I hope my letter will urge you to readdress the need to expand into Johnson Valley.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-16230:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Looking at the satellite imagery I can see the vastness of the Johnson valley. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16231:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps has excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. For all that will be lost by the expansion into Johnson Valley, it is owed to the multiple use groups involved to consider alternative options with a clear and open mind.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16232:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions, mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Jason Yanina

Response to Comment N-16233:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-16234:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RVs and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Bobby Johnson

Response to Comment N-16235:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16236:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RVs and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc., need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. please do not take this away from us.

Sincerely,
Jake Protis

Response to Comment N-16237:

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Sincerely,

Jamie Jackson

Response to Comment N-16238:

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Comment ID: N-16239

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Keha quinabo

Response to Comment N-16239

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16240

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Nickel
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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OFV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16240:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16241

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16241:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16242

Comment ID: N-16242
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Edwin Schutt
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Palm Desert, CA 92260

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions, mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16242:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16243:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16244

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16244:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16245

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16245

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16246

Comment ID: N-16246
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Hardy, VA 24101

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the pleasure of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16246:

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Comment ID: N-16247

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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You would be taking public use land from alot of people from all walks of life....

Sincerely,

Brannon Gragg

Response to Comment N-16247

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16248:

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Comment ID: N-16249

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time given to us to oppose this expansion is not enough. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RVs and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16249:

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Comment ID: N-16250

Comment ID: N-16250
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16250:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16251

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Thompson
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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16251:

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Comment ID: N-16252

Comment ID: N-16252
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm an active recreationalist as well as a visitor to Johnson Valley, and I just heard about this expansion plan that has apparently been in progress for several years. I find it rather disturbing how little the Marines have actually reached out to the users of this area. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. Part of the requirements for the DEIS is that you get input from the public. I feel that the base has done very little to let the public even know that anything is going on. To me this is in direct opposition to the intent of the DEIS process. If the people do not know about an issue that effects them, how can they be expected to comment on it, or even know how or where to comment on it?

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16252:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16253

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16253:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16254

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16254:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Beverly Folena

Sincerely,

Beverly Folena

Response to Comment N-16255:

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm an active recreationalist as well as a visitor to Johnson Valley, and I just heard about this expansion plan that has apparently been in progress for several years. I find it rather disturbing how little the Marines have actually reached out to the users of this area. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. Part of the requirements for the DEIS is that you get input from the public. I feel that the base has done very little to let the public even know that anything is going on. To me this is in direct opposition to the intent of the DEIS process. If the people do not know about an issue that affects them, how can they be expected to comment on it, or even know how or where to comment on it?

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16256:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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There has been a lack of public outreach to find out the effects of the 29 Palms expansion and how it will effect users of the area. Please consider expanding Eastward so that we may continue to enjoy all Johnson Valley has to offer.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16257:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16258

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions, mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16258:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16259:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16260

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Slan

Response to Comment N-16260:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16261

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Why is it that it is claimed that public opinion and input is always desired, but it is so often avoided and dodged? This needs to stop and everyone needs to be made aware of the implications of this expansion.

Sincerely,

James Leonard III

Response to Comment N-16261:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16262

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-16262:

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I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

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Sincerely,
Jason Yanna

Response to Comment N-16264:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Alderman

Response to Comment N-16265:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps failed to justify need for 1990s-era simultaneous training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Please do not take this away from us. While we are fully aware and absolutely appreciate what you have done for us and our country (I am a 4th generation Marine, I get it), we love this sport more than could be understood.

Sincerely,

Jake Protis

Response to Comment N-16266:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

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Sincerely,

Edwin Schutt

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16270:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Do the Marines really need another training area? Can't they use the ones they have or even utilize other branches like Ft Bliss in Texas or the Range near Nellis?

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16273:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

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To Whom It May Concern:

Every time I turn on the news or read the newspaper I hear about how the wars of today are so much different than those of generations past. This makes me wonder if the training we did for past battle tactics even applies anymore. We aren't fighting other countries anymore, we're fighting small groups in urban and remote areas. I just don't see the need for large scale training exercises, and according to several reports from the military they don't either. The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16275:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. It looks like we (USA) are doing more operations with smaller size troop movements at least what you can see on the news. So why can't the Marines use the land that they already have?

Beverly Folena
Sincerely,
Beverly Folena

Response to Comment N-16276:

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I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16277:

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16278:

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Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16279:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. It has been said that there is no need for two land armys yet expanding 29 palms seems like exactly what the marines are trying to do. I respect the need for marines and appreciate what they do for our country but the army has the land army part covered.

Sincerely,

dustin brueckner

Response to Comment N-16280:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. With the invention of droid crafts and such, having a large regiment of soldiers puts us at a disadvantage and puts more men in the firing lines which means risk of more loss of lives.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16281:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions, mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Even if this IS the case, there is more room for them to train if 29 Palms expands to the East instead.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16282:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Christopher Alderman

Response to Comment N-16283:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16284:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16285

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Frank Quintiliani

Response to Comment N-16285:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16286:

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16287:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With the closing of so many national parks and recreational area it's getting harder and harder to find places to enjoy nature. OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16288:

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16289:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16290:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16291:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Southern California has a long standing love affair with the outdoors, and part of that is a love for OHV activities. We take our families out to the desert to get away from the traffic, noise, smog, etc. With the way suburbia is expanding there are fewer and fewer places to go to get away.

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Please consider another option that does not take even more land away from the people of southern California. We need some place to get away.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16292:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16293:

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16294:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16295

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foll

Response to Comment N-16295:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16296:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16297:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16298

Comment ID: N-16298
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With the closing of so many national parks and recreational area it's getting harder and harder to find places to enjoy nature. OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16298:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16299

Comment ID: N-16299
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Southern California has a long standing love affair with the outdoors, and part of that is a love for OHV activities. We take our families out to the desert to get away from the traffic, noise, smog, etc. With the way suburbia is expanding there are fewer and fewer places to go to get away.

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Please consider another option that does not take even more land away from the people of southern California. We need some place to get away.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16299:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16300

Comment ID: N-16300
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. My family looks forward to visiting Johnson Valley at least once a year. Many others do the same to enjoy the off-roading Johnson Valley has to offer. Please consider expanding East so that we may continue to enjoy our hobby.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16300:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16301

Comment ID: N-16301
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. This same culture, supports that military and it is our hope that we can work together to create a viable alternative (move East?).

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16301:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16302

Comment ID: N-16302
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

DHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,
John Smith

Response to Comment N-16302:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16303

Comment ID: N-16303
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Jason Yanna

Response to Comment N-16303:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16304

Comment ID: N-16304
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Forcing more users into less area will create bigger impacts on the areas that remain open. I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Bobby Johnson

Response to Comment N-16304:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16305

Comment ID: N-16305
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Public lands need to stay public if we keep closing them down we wont have any where else to go. Unfortunately for many people in Southern California they don't have many options as far offroading goes. Johnson Valley is an attraction for thousands of people around this great country, if it's lost the effect would be catastrophic. Please Go East for the sake of Johnson Valley and the Marines.

Sincerely,
Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-16305:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16306

Comment ID: N-16306
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16306:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16307

Comment ID: N-16307
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is an OHV mecca. Please do not take our sport away from us.

Sincerely,

Jake Protis

Response to Comment N-16307:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16308

Comment ID: N-16308
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. We only have so many places to wheel in the US. Johnson Valley is one of the pinnacles of the OHV community. The offroad community has grown alot over the past few year. Please Go East Marines. Do not take one of the best and last OHV areas in the country, we only have a few left.

Thank you,
Brandon Sisk

Sincerely,

Brandon Sisk

Response to Comment N-16308:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16309

Comment ID: N-16309
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16309:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16310

Comment ID: N-16310
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. I am concerned that the loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Please don't take this away from the OHV community.

Sincerely,

Corey Daspit

Response to Comment N-16310:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16311

Comment ID: N-16311
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Luz Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

Every day more and more off road parks are closed, despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States. The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16311:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16312

Comment ID: N-16312
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16312:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16313

Comment ID: N-16313
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16313:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16314

Comment ID: N-16314
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Edwin Schutt
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done, Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16314:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16315

Comment ID: N-16315
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Matt Brill

Response to Comment N-16315:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16316

Comment ID: N-16316
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

In following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events,

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16316:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16317

Comment ID: N-16317
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Included in that study should be how the children of OHV enthusiast support the country by enrolling in the military in the future vs. city dwelling children. If understanding terrain is important, your surroundings, survival, etc is important, the OHV community definitely teaches this and it will become less dominant in future generations if our public lands continue to diminish. Please reconsider your expansion into the west.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16317:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16318

Comment ID: N-16318
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Alan Hull

Response to Comment N-16318:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16319

Comment ID: N-16319
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Andrew Perez

Response to Comment N-16319:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16320

Comment ID: N-16320
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-16320:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16321

Comment ID: N-16321
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the pleasure of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,
John Foll

Response to Comment N-16321:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16322

Comment ID: N-16322
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

derick wladski

Response to Comment N-16322:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16323

Comment ID: N-16323
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16323:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16324

Comment ID: N-16324
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV is one of the fastest growing segments in recreation. It's a huge and growing industry and it requires open land for it's continued growth. In addition land is needed just to sustain what's already out there. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Pushing more and more users into smaller and smaller areas not only adds to the strain on those lands it also leads to much bigger issues. Crime, accidents, conflicts between users, damage to the lands, trash, illegal use of closed land, etc. all go up exponentially when these areas start to get overcrowded. Plain and simple, we need this land just as much as, if not more than, the Marines do. OHV users dont have any more options opening up to them. The Marines DO have other options for expansion besides this very valuable piece of land.

Sincerely,
Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16324:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16325

Comment ID: N-16325
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

I have traveled accross the to enjoy Johnson Valley with my family and friends, the potential loss with greatly sadden me and my family.

Sincerely,

John Shelton

Response to Comment N-16325:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16326

Comment ID: N-16326
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foll

Response to Comment N-16326:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16327

Comment ID: N-16327
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Daniel O'Rourke

Response to Comment N-16327:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16328

Comment ID: N-16328
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16328:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16329

Comment ID: N-16329
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. we need to keep land open, closing down Johnson Valley will lead into more illegal use of other lands

Beverly Folena
Sincerely,
Beverly Folena

Response to Comment N-16329:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16330

Comment ID: N-16330
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

matt kiger

Response to Comment N-16330:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16331

Comment ID: N-16331
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Please take this loss to our community into account before pushing us out.

Best,

-Adam Watkins

Sincerely,

adam watkins

Response to Comment N-16331:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16332

Comment ID: N-16332
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. It should also take as much time as necessary to study all impacts that such a closure would cause.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16332:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16333

Comment ID: N-16333
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16333:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16334

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

The loss of Johnson Valley as an OHV mecca would be devastating to OHV users and their families worldwide. Please consider expanding East so that we may enjoy all Johnson Valley has to offer.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16334:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16335

Comment ID: N-16335

Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16335:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16336

Comment ID: N-16336
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ryan Hame
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Events like King of the Hammers brings in hundreds of thousands of dollars to the local community allowing the businesses to expand and accommodate more people. Every year this event gets larger and more money gets put into the local economy. If the expansion were to take place it would wipe out an event that brings in competitors from all over the world.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hame

Response to Comment N-16336:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16337

Comment ID: N-16337
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Dao Treechatinant

Response to Comment N-16337:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16338

Comment ID: N-16338
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jess Huizar

Response to Comment N-16338:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16339

Comment ID: N-16339
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The economy surrounding the valley revolves around the sport. Please do not take this away from us.

Sincerely,

Jake Protis

Response to Comment N-16339:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16340

Comment ID: N-16340
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16340:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16341

Comment ID: N-16341
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Many small towns are supported by the constant revenue that offroaders bring to the valley. Closing Johnson Valley would be devastating to the local economy, and with the way things are now in our Economy, peoples livelihood could be put in jeopardy.

Sincerely,
Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-16341:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16342

Comment ID: N-16342
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Nickel
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Times are already tough enough without having to deal with this. Please expand to the east.

Thank you,

William Nickel

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16342:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16343

Comment ID: N-16343
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Every time I go to Johnson Valley, I fuel up main and aux. fuel tanks, and buy all of the food and supplies I need for the weekend - either in Yucca Valley or Apple Valley. I know that this is true with THOUSANDS of other people travelling out to Johnson Valley every year, including active duty and retired Marines. Closing Johnson Valley to the public (even if there is a little piece left open) will have a devastating impact on local economy - especially with people spending more and more as time goes by due to rock crawling and rock racing becoming 'popular' and more mainstream. Thank you for regarding the impact that closing Johnson Valley will have on the area's economy and considering alternative areas to use for training.

Sincerely,

Keha Quinabo

Response to Comment N-16343:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16344

Comment ID: N-16344
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The economy is dependent on the KOH OHV race please GO EAST MARINES,

Sincerely,

Brandon Sisk

Response to Comment N-16344:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-16345

Comment ID: N-16345
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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There are lots of little stores in the surrounding towns. Apple Valley, Yucca Valley, Lucerne Valley, Landers, all of these towns will be impacted if Johnson Valley is no longer open.

Sincerely,

Bobby Johnson

Response to Comment N-16345:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Lets think about the local guys..

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16346:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Regards,
Ben Barrens

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16347:

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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16348:

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Sincerely,

Kacey Brill

Response to Comment N-16349:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Sincerely,

Michael Bramley

Response to Comment N-16350:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Let me begin by thanking you for taking the time to read these letters. Too often the objections of people involved in situations like this fall on deaf ears. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Expanding East makes more sense, won't do nearly the damage to the local economy, and will still give the Marines the room they need to train.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-16351:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-16352
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Kaye

Response to Comment N-16352:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Sincerely,

Barry Fothergill

Response to Comment N-16353:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16354:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Before continuing ahead with plans to expand 29 Palms West, please take time to do a study to find out how much of the local economy will be impacted due to expand into the area in Johnson Valley in which we are allowed to off-road. Off-roading is a family activity that encourages people to go outdoors and explore. By closing Johnson Valley, it will bring devastating effects to the hospitality industry and beyond. Please consider expanding East rather than West.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16355:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-16356

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-16356:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16357

Comment ID: N-16357
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Many of the local businesses rely on new visitors and repeat visitors alike. This affect will be seen in a short amount of time and be a lasting negative reaction.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16357:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

SONYA GALLIPEAU

Response to Comment N-16358:

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Comment ID: N-16359
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16359:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16360:

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Comment ID: N-16361

Comment ID: N-16361
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The people of the offrad world pump a ton of money in the economy with travel costs, purchasing parts, food, lodging and a ton of other areas as well....
Brannon GraggQ

Sincerely,

Brannon Gragg

Response to Comment N-16361:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16362

Comment ID: N-16362
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. There are 10's of thousands of people that come to this area from all over the united state. I for one travel there with a group of friends every year. We have been doing this for the last 6 years. If the trails are closed you would be denying local business' a lot of money.

Sincerely
Ben Davidson

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-16362:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16363:

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Comment ID: N-16364

Comment ID: N-16364
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

daniel freeman

Response to Comment N-16364:

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Comment ID: N-16365

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Date Received: May 28, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16365:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16366:

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Comment ID: N-16367

Comment ID: N-16367
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Comparatively, there is a greater percentage of OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. This makes the OHV enthusiast a culture to be recognized. For tens of thousands of people like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,
Brian Smith

Response to Comment N-16367:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16368

Comment ID: N-16368
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Donald Kelly

Response to Comment N-16368:

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Comment ID: N-16369
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Wubben

Response to Comment N-16369:

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Comment ID: N-16370

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Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-16370:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16371

Comment ID: N-16371
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16371:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16372

Comment ID: N-16372
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Keha Quinabo

Response to Comment N-16372:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16373

Comment ID: N-16373
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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Sincerely,

dan motaz

Response to Comment N-16373:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16374

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16374:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

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Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16376:

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

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Comment ID: N-16378

Comment ID: N-16378
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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SONYA GALLIPEAU

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Comment ID: N-16379

Comment ID: N-16379
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

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Comment ID: N-16380

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Sincerely,

Lara Goins

Response to Comment N-16380:

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Comment ID: N-16381

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Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16381:

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Comment ID: N-16382

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-16382:

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Comment ID: N-16383

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16383:

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Comment ID: N-16384

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

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I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foll

Response to Comment N-16384:

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

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Sincerely,

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Heather Naong

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jimmy belobraydic

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16389:

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Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16390:

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

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Comment ID: N-16393

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

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Sincerely,

matt kiger

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Comment ID: N-16395

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Luke McCain

Response to Comment N-16395:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16396

Comment ID: N-16396
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East. That land isn't being used currently, so might be better suited for your expansion. Closing a popular 4x4 destination will be a terrible thing to do.

Sincerely,

Tyler Turner

Response to Comment N-16396:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East. If the move East could lead to less wilderness impact there should be an obligation of the Marines to look at all potential options. With the drastic amount of impact that an entire Marine base might have on the environment; all options must be considered before a decision is made. Just because it seems to be the easiest move first doesn't mean that it is the best long term solution.

Sincerely,
Chad Proctor

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Sincerely,

Jake Protis

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16399:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16400:

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Comment ID: N-16401

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Keha Quinabo

Response to Comment N-16401:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Comment ID: N-16402

Comment ID: N-16402
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Regards,
Ben Barrens

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16402:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Comment ID: N-16403

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16403:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Comment ID: N-16404

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please know the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

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Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16404:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Please take time to consider the effects on Wilderness while considering expansion of 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16405:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16406

Comment ID: N-16406
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the pleasure of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foll

Response to Comment N-16406:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16407

Comment ID: N-16407
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Luz Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

Not only do we used JV for Off Rooding, but many of us enjoy the wildlife found on the west side of JV.

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16407:

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Comment ID: N-16408

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

SONYA GALLIPEAU

Response to Comment N-16408:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Why destroy the wilderness area that so much of the public enjoys. Dont expand and take away the wilderness area that is so important to the public. public land is becoming hard to come by as it is and if we keep taking it away from the public what are our kids and younger generation going to have to enjoy as we have????

Brannon Gragg

Sincerely,

Brannon Gragg

Response to Comment N-16409:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16410

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East. The areas to the east are not serving the community at large in the same way that the proposed area is. Expanding to the east will have far less negative impact on the users of the Johnson Valley ohv areas. Please consider moving east if any expansion is indeed needed.
Thanks

Sincerely,

Todd Fitzsimmons

Response to Comment N-16410:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16411

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Barry Fothergill

Response to Comment N-16411:

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Comment ID: N-16412

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16412:

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Comment ID: N-16413

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16413:

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Comment ID: N-16414

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16414:

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Comment ID: N-16415

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is not the only open usable land around 29 Palms, there is land to the east as well. It is currently designated as Wilderness, which means that the public is already not using it. Expanding 29 Palms to the East makes much more sense than west into JV for many reasons. Recreation drives the local economy, and it also drives a huge industry that keeps many people employed. Taking JV takes away from a lot of people. Taking empty wilderness land effects almost nobody. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16415:

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Comment ID: N-16416

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dirk Werning

Response to Comment N-16416:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16417

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16417:

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Comment ID: N-16418

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16418:

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Comment ID: N-16419

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16419:

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Comment ID: N-16420

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Stop the madness and dont expand at all.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16420:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-16421
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Eric Stenzel

Response to Comment N-16421:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-16422:

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Sincerely,
Justin Moore

Response to Comment N-16423:

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16424:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16425:

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Sincerely,

Jamie Jackson

Response to Comment N-16426:

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Sincerely,
Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16427:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16428

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16428:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16429:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16430

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16430:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16431

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-16431:

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Comment ID: N-16432

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Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16432:

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Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16433:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Ft Bliss has Shared use..it's a road that you can take to the mountains when the Army isn't using it, that's about it. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16434:

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Danny Freeman

Sincerely,

daniel freeman

Response to Comment N-16435:

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Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-16436:

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Sincerely,

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Comment ID: N-16438

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Sincerely,
Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16438:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16439

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To Whom It May Concern:

How on God's green earth can the Marines perform live fire excersizes, AND contine to let the general public into Johnson Valley?

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work.

The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-16439:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-16440:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16441

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Wubben

Response to Comment N-16441:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16442:

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Comment ID: N-16443

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience the best this hobby has to offer. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture".

Since the first day I became interested in the world of Off Highway Vehicles, I have been planning a trip out to Johnson Valley. Exciting, challenging, and incredible places to take OHV's are becoming very few and far between. Johnson Valley is the most popular of all the OHV parks still around, and one of, if not the most responsible. If you ask anyone in the off-road community where they want to go for vacation, well over 3/4 of them will say Johnson Valley. If the Johnson Valley Recreation area is made smaller, or even closed, then there will not be any reason for me to make the trip from Maryland to California. Thousands of other members of the off-road community will also tell you this.

By expanding into Johnson Valley, the current size of the off-road community will very likely shrink. Along with that, the yearly revenue brought into the state of California from out of state wheelers will also greatly decrease. Thousands of tourists who once has a reason to visit California will no longer feel the urge to return, or even make that first trip.

I understand the need for training our US military in the best possible conditions, and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be more effectively utilized for this training.

Sincerely,

Tim Raley

Response to Comment N-16443:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-16444

Comment ID: N-16444
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Robbie McIntosh

Response to Comment N-16444:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16445

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" and the dreams of many to visit that area to use the Recreation area.

Sincerely,

Donald Kelly

Response to Comment N-16445:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16446

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16446:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16447

Comment ID: N-16447
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jamie Jackson

Response to Comment N-16447:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16448

Comment ID: N-16448
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16448:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16449

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16449:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16450

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16450:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16451

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16451:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16452

Comment ID: N-16452
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". My family tries to visit Johnson Valley a minimum of once a year because we enjoy using the trail system there. Please consider expanding East.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-16452:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16453

Comment ID: N-16453
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The greatest offroad race, King of the Hammers, is held there. Rock Crawling had its start there. Some of the best 4x4 trails in the world are there. I've only been once and hope to go back many times. Please find other land to train on.

Sincerely,

Bobby Johnson

Response to Comment N-16453:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16454

Comment ID: N-16454
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Matthew Kaye

Response to Comment N-16454:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16455

Comment ID: N-16455
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I don't live in California but several of my friends and even my own family have traveled to both JV and the Rubicon area to experience the OHV events. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16455:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16456

Comment ID: N-16456
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-16456:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16457

Comment ID: N-16457
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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It is one of the greatest areas in the world for people to come together to enjoy a growing sport that all families can enjoy no matter what the age...

Sincerely,

Brannon Gragg

Response to Comment N-16457:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16458

Comment ID: N-16458
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

A lot of people seem to think that Johnson Valley is just some place in the desert where people drive around in Jeeps. This simply is not true. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Nearly every off-road related magazine, TV show, internet message board and web site in the world discusses Johnson Valley and the unique terrain contained within. People regularly travel from hundreds, if not thousands of miles away to visit. People also very regularly build vehicles specifically to traverse the rough terrain of JV. Not only is this a highly valued cultural area, but also an economic one. The amount of money spent in the local area pales on comparison to the amount that many of the areas users spend on building and modifying their vehicles for these trips. Closing this area would be a huge blow to both OHV users and the companies that support the sport.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16458:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16459

Comment ID: N-16459
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jacob szugda
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-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not
realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-16459:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16460

Comment ID: N-16460
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16460:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16461

Comment ID: N-16461
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Barry Fothergill
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Sincerely,

Barry Fothergill

Response to Comment N-16461:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16462

Comment ID: N-16462
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16462:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16463

Comment ID: N-16463
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Derek Mellor
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Orem, UT 84058

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There are too many OHV roads being closed at an alarming rate. Johnson Valley is one of the most widely known area to recreate with like minded people and families. The loss of this area will greatly impact the economy of Yucca valley as well.

Sincerely,

Derek Mellor

Response to Comment N-16463:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16464

Comment ID: N-16464

Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. ben davidson
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". With events like koh and such taking this land away would be devastating to our community.

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-16464:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16465

Comment ID: N-16465
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16465:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16466

Comment ID: N-16466
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Trenton McGee
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture." Further, Johnson Valley provides a safe, legal area for OHV enthusiasts to enjoy their sport. Many other land closures in the region have made Johnson Valley one of the few remaining areas for enthusiasts to pursue their right of happiness. Johnson Valley is also a critical part of sustaining an entire industry that services and supports these enthusiasts; closure of JV will have a devastating impact not only to the local economy but will also affect jobs around the country in an already weak economy. While I support the military and recognize the importance of training to keep our troops effective and safe, the negative impact to the environment and society far outweighs the benefit that expanding base would make. Closure of Johnson Valley and denying public access will cause far more hurt than benefit. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Trenton McGee

Response to Comment N-16466:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16467

Comment ID: N-16467
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I don't live in California but several of my friends and even my own family have traveled to both JV and the Rubicon area to experience the OHV events. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16467:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16468

Comment ID: N-16468
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

You know a place is special when thousands of people come from all over the world for a 1 day race. I look forward to coming out next year with my friends and family from Minnesota! Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture".

Sincerely,

Rodney Arnold

Response to Comment N-16468:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16469

Comment ID: N-16469
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To Whom It May Concern:

I don't live in California but several of my friends and even my own family have traveled to both JV and the Rubicon area to experience the OHV events. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16469:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16470

Comment ID: N-16470
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Sam Simpson

Response to Comment N-16470:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16471

Comment ID: N-16471
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16471:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16472

Comment ID: N-16472
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Adalberto Contreras

Response to Comment N-16472:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16473

Comment ID: N-16473
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" Please move East, Don't close J.V.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16473:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16474

Comment ID: N-16474
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just about wheeling. It's a place where people conquer personal challenges. A place where work together and help others when they are struggling. A place people love to go. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Please reconsider your expansion into this area and continue to explore other viable options.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16474:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16475

Comment ID: N-16475
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

A lot of people seem to think that Johnson Valley is just some place in the desert where people drive around in Jeeps. This simply is not true. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Nearly every off-road related magazine, TV show, internet message board and web site in the world discusses Johnson Valley and the unique terrain contained within. People regularly travel from hundreds, if not thousands of miles away to visit. People also very regularly build vehicles specifically to traverse the rough terrain of JV. Not only is this a highly valued cultural area, but also an economic one. The amount of money spent in the local area pales on comparison to the amount that many of the areas users spend on building and modifying their vehicles for these trips. Closing this area would be a huge blow to both OHV users and the companies that support the sport.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16475:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16476

Comment ID: N-16476
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" that it entails.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16476:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16477

Comment ID: N-16477
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. Along with the other multiple uses, it is THE Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The King of the Hammers race has made Johnson Valley a household name throughout the world. I doubt that the USMC realizes the full importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" that it entails.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16477:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16478

Comment ID: N-16478
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The expansion plans for 29 Palms Marine Base pushing into, and taking over, most of Johnson Valley's multiple-use recreation area appears to be ignorant of the process in doing a proper EIS. There are numerous areas that were left out of the EIS studies, including the impacts on an entire culture of recreationalists...multiple cultures actually.

The activities seen in the Johnson Valley Recreation Area are not just some pop-fad or single event taking place, never to be seen again, but instead are truly "lifestyles", dedicated to participation in a certain activity. Whether it be the rocketeer, the wind-sailer, the rock hound, the off-roader, or any other of the large number of activities taking place in the area, the individual participants invest tens of thousands of dollars, if not hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars in order to participate. With that much invested, it proves that these activities go far beyond an "intermittent hobby" and are actually in a classification comparable to an entire culture of their own...very large cultures at that.

To ignore something as great as a culture, many cultures in-fact, combined with the fact that Johnson Valley happens to be the "Mecca" of many of those cultures (especially in the off-road world), again shows that the EIS was NOT completed correctly and that the choice to expand into Johnson Valley would be a travesty against a large number of Americans, who are supposed to be protected by the EIS. There are reasons the EIS is a legal process...the way the EIS for the 29 Palms Marine Base expansion has been handled has NOT followed the reasoning for doing an EIS in the first place.

The cultures driven by the unique recreation activities possible in Johnson Valley would be GREATLY impacted by the 29 Palms Base expansion. Do the EIS right, or DO NOT expand the base.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-16478:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16479

Comment ID: N-16479
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off
-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not
realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,
matt kiger

Response to Comment N-16479:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16480

Comment ID: N-16480
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seem odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foll

Response to Comment N-16480:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16481

Comment ID: N-16481
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,
Eric Stenzel

Response to Comment N-16481:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16482

Comment ID: N-16482
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16482:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16483

Comment ID: N-16483
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16483:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16484

Comment ID: N-16484
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

How about one time the Marine Corp thinks about being a good neighbor? Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16484:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16485

Comment ID: N-16485
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-16485:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16486

Comment ID: N-16486
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley simply is not the proper place for 29 Palms to expand. Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. The current plan will effect too many people, businesses, and communities in a negative way.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16486:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16487

Comment ID: N-16487
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley simply is not the proper place for 29 Palms to expand. Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. The current plan will effect too many people, businesses, and communities in a negative way.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16487:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16488

Comment ID: N-16488
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-16488:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16489

Comment ID: N-16489
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16489:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16490

Comment ID: N-16490
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. Alternative A is the best and most logical choice in this matter. There are far to many good reasons to halt the expansion of the base. This is not for lack of support of our armed forces. It has everything to do with many more factors that are in favor of leaving the base as is.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Todd Fitzsimmons

Response to Comment N-16490:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16491

Comment ID: N-16491
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Sam Simpson

Response to Comment N-16491:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16492

Comment ID: N-16492
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-16492:

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To Whom It May Concern:

How about one the Marine Corp thinks about being a good neighbor? Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16493:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16494:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16495:

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Please don't take our playground away from us.

Sincerely,

William Nickel

Response to Comment N-16496:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16497

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson Valley has been a recreational area since it opened in the early 80's. Generations of families have come to Johnson Valley to spend time together doing the things that they love - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be ended by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Keha Quinabo

Response to Comment N-16497:

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Comment ID: N-16498

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Dylan Price

Response to Comment N-16498:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-16499:

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Comment ID: N-16500

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Edwin Schutt

Response to Comment N-16500:

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Comment ID: N-16501

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Ben Barrens

Response to Comment N-16501:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16502

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Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Neal Cockrell

Response to Comment N-16502:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16503

Comment ID: N-16503
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Christopher Glass

Response to Comment N-16503:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Save the Outdoors and the families who play in it. Some of my friends have been into the Off-Road scene from their infancy. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-16504:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families (including my family!) have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. It is a place to be removed from cell phones, internet, TV and all of the distractions of the virtual reality. The reality of families creating memories in Johnson Valley is much more beneficial to future generations. Twentynine Palms has options whereas many of these families do not. OHV rights on public land is diminishing and we beseech you to not assist in this action. Please consider other alternatives for MEB training.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-16505:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,
Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16506:

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Comment ID: N-16507

Comment ID: N-16507
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Vally isn't just a place to go out and drive around the desert; it's a place for families, friends, children, and adults.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family oriented" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

People, including myself, go to Johnson Valley to enjoy the solitude and get back to nature, something that's getting harder and harder to do in Southern California. People drive for hours just to spend a weekend there to unwind from their normal lives, and to connect with each other. Closing this area would mean longer drives, and fewer opportunities for parents and their children to experience something that you just cant get in the city.

Sincerely,

Dallas Ashley

Response to Comment N-16507:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16508

Comment ID: N-16508
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Johnson Valley is a place my family would love to visit some day and we would be devastated if it was to be taken away forever. Please expand East and not west into Johnson Valley. Semper Par!

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-16508:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16509

Comment ID: N-16509
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jacob szugda

Response to Comment N-16509:

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Comment ID: N-16510

Comment ID: N-16510
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thanks

Sincerely,

Todd Fitzsimmons

Response to Comment N-16510:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16511

Comment ID: N-16511
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16511:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16512

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Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16512:

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Comment ID: N-16513

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid offroad enthusiast who see the need to protest the changes being considered for the Johnson Valley region near 29 Palms. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foll

Response to Comment N-16513:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16514

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-16514:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16515

Comment ID: N-16515
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16515:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16516

Comment ID: N-16516
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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My wife and I go to johnson valley every year just to escape the hussle and bussle of the city. With many wilderness areas (public land) being taken away from recreationalist every year the public is losing this escape.

Sincerely,
ben davidson

Response to Comment N-16516:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-16517

Comment ID: N-16517
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Some of my friends have been into the Off-Road scene from their infancy. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Save the Outdoors and the families who play in it.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-16517:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16518

Comment ID: N-16518
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Vally isn't just a place to go out and drive around the desert, it's a place for families, friends, children, and adults.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family oriented" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

People, including myself, go to Johnson Valley to enjoy the solitude and get back to nature, something that's getting harder and harder to do in Southern California. People drive for hours just to spend a weekend there to unwind from their normal lives, and to connect with each other. Closing this area would mean longer drives, and fewer opportunities for parents and their children to experience something that you just cant get in the city.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-16518:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16519

Comment ID: N-16519
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley has been a recreational area since it opened in the early 80's. Generations of families have come to Johnson Valley to spend time together doing the things that they love - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be ended by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Sian

Response to Comment N-16519:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16520

Comment ID: N-16520
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

SONYA GALLIPEAU

Response to Comment N-16520:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16521

Comment ID: N-16521
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16521:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16522

Comment ID: N-16522
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Chris Dolezal

Response to Comment N-16522:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16523

Comment ID: N-16523
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. This will spell disaster for an area, and ruin the beauty present in this area.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16523:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16524

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. This could cause damage to the desert that might never completely heal, this could ruin the area for both OHV use and military use.

Sincerely,

Andrew Brodie

Response to Comment N-16524:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16525

Comment ID: N-16525
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16525:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16526

Comment ID: N-16526
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16526:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16527

Comment ID: N-16527
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16527:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16528

Comment ID: N-16528
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Harrington
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16528:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16529

Comment ID: N-16529
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Sanjaya Vatuk
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To Whom It May Concern:

How do the Marines Plan to deal with the damage caused to the roads and trails in Johnson Valley by these exercises? Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. A number of users have been seriously injured by encountering one of these craters unexpectedly. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-16529:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16530

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16530:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16531

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be permanently damaged and if shared use is to be considered this issue must be resolved. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16531:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16532

Comment ID: N-16532
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Brett Joiner

Response to Comment N-16532:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16533

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Chris dolezal

Response to Comment N-16533:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16534

Comment ID: N-16534
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS. The Marines cannot be allowed to train in this area and pose even more damage to an area that is one of the last few truly great places for OHV use.

Do not expand into Johnson Valley! Please expand East if anywhere!

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16534:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-16535

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16535:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16536

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16536:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16537

Comment ID: N-16537
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Daniel Cherill

Response to Comment N-16537:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16538

Comment ID: N-16538
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-16538:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16539

Comment ID: N-16539
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16539:

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16540:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16541

Comment ID: N-16541
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To Whom It May Concern:

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The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

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The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16541:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16542:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16543

Comment ID: N-16543
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area, and it will be open for the public to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Dan Hofer

Response to Comment N-16543:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16544

Comment ID: N-16544
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16544:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16545

Comment ID: N-16545
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the firing of artillery shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16545:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16546

Comment ID: N-16546
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16546:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16547

Comment ID: N-16547
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Please keep the wonder of Johnson Valley intact and open to the public, so they may be able to enjoy its beauty for years to come.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16547:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16548

Comment ID: N-16548
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Sanjaya Vatuk
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is very unique in it's scenery. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. It seems almost criminal to me for anyone to treat such a beautiful piece of land, that so many people love and enjoy like just one more bombing range to be destroyed at will.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-16548:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16549

Comment ID: N-16549
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is just one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area yearly for vacation and recreation. With the proposed land acquisition of Johnson Valley, military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will permanently scar the the natural beauty of the area. Please consider using the land east of 29 Palms for military training.

Sincerely,

Kirby Gehrum

Response to Comment N-16549:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

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Comment ID: N-16550

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16550:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16551

Comment ID: N-16551
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-16551:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16552:

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Comment ID: N-16553

Comment ID: N-16553
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. OHV users have a relatively small impact, and for the most part the land remains untouched. The military operations will have a much larger impact and result in permanent damage to the ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16553:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16554

Comment ID: N-16554
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16554:

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Comment ID: N-16555

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16555:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16556

Comment ID: N-16556
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Maurice Cox

Response to Comment N-16556:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-16557

Comment ID: N-16557
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16557:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-16558

Comment ID: N-16558
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. This does not speak well, and must be addressed before a decision is made on the proposed 29 palms expansion project.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16558:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16559

Comment ID: N-16559
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Sanjaya Vatuk
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To Whom It May Concern:

I've been looking at a number of the documents that have been published about the 29 Palms base expansion and so far I've seen nothing dealing with what it will cost. Do we even know what the cost is? Can we afford this? Even if we can afford it, does it make sense to spend tax dollars on expanding rather than using it somewhere else? From what I've seen The Corps has failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-16559:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16560

Comment ID: N-16560
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

With the way our government wastes money, do we really need another boondoggle that tramples on the rights of citizens?

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16560:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16561

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16561:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16562

Comment ID: N-16562
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Travis Perez
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To Whom It May Concern:

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The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16562:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16563

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16563:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16564

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16564:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16565

Comment ID: N-16565
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. With spending cuts in all areas how will this project be funded and what other programs will have to be cut in order to go through with it?

Sincerely,

Andrew Brodie

Response to Comment N-16565:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Maurice Cox

Response to Comment N-16566:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16567

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16567:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16568

Comment ID: N-16568
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Chris dolezal

Response to Comment N-16568:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16569

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Please do not affect the people who live in these homes quality of life. They deserve to live at their house with as much peace as possible.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16569:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16570

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Moore

Response to Comment N-16570:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16571

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Has any thought gone into the impact on the surrounding homes and residents in terms of sound and disturbance? There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. It seems that the Marines would be making themselves into very poor neighbors by moving next to people who have lived there for decades, then using explosives in close proximity. Many people in the area are large supporters of the military, but would be very displeased by this.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-16571:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16572

Comment ID: N-16572
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The EIS does not state the impact of an expanded 29 Palms to the residents on Old Woman Springs Road.

The current 29 Palms west boundary is over 10 miles away, and exploding ordinance can already be heard. With a westward expansion into Johnson Valley, the noise impact to Old Woman Springs Road residents will be terrible.

Johnson Valley OHV area makes a great buffer between the current Base and nearby residential areas.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mohondro

Response to Comment N-16572:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16573

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Above all this would be a constant issue. The ORV crowd as a whole is encouraged to act responsibly, and in doing so, should be running functioning exhaust systems. This in turn is a lower impact decibel-wise, in comparison to turbine-powered tanks, MRAPs, and APCs. Factor in noise related to live-fire training exercises, and the noises generated by the ORV crowd is greatly negated. As a whole, massive amounts of ORV crowds are limited to primarily holidays and special events and races at the Johnson Valley Recreation Area, which occurs in a greatly reduced frequency than constant usage as a live-fire training area.

Sincerely,

Jason Yanna

Response to Comment N-16573:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16574

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Daniel Cherill

Response to Comment N-16574:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16575

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16575:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16576

Comment ID: N-16576
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16576:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16577

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16577:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16578

Comment ID: N-16578
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

To Whom it may concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

I believe this will drastically reduce the quality of life for those homeowner's both on a day to day basis, as well as reducing property values.

Please consider this in your decision making process.

Sincerely,

Dustin Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16578:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16579

Comment ID: N-16579
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Orville Hrabe

Response to Comment N-16579:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16580

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16580:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16581

Comment ID: N-16581
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires and stay to specific trails. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using pivot-steering tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16581:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16582

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Brett Joiner

Response to Comment N-16582:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16583

Comment ID: N-16583
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16583:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16584

Comment ID: N-16584
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16584:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16585

Comment ID: N-16585
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Unless the military chooses to spend more money to outfit their vehicles with rubber tires, instead of tracks, I do not see how this is a good idea to expand into Johnson Valley.
Please do not expand into Johnson Valley. Continue to keep Public lands Public!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16585:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16586

Comment ID: N-16586
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned about the kind of damage some military vehicles will do to the land of Johnson Valley. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. I've seen what the tracks of tanks and similar vehicles do to land, it's similar to a farmer's plow churning up the soil. I'm worried that over time use of these types of vehicles will destroy what little plant life is out there holding the sandy soil together, and rapid and drastic erosion will permanently scar what is now a very beautiful place.

Sincerely,

Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-16586:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16587

Comment ID: N-16587
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. off-road vehicles do far less damage than once thought. the impact is much less than tracked vehicles could ever cause.

Sincerely,

Rick Chaffins

Response to Comment N-16587:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16588

Comment ID: N-16588
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Plus I want to wheel it. Keep public lands public!

Sincerely,

nathan james

Response to Comment N-16588:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16589

Comment ID: N-16589
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Scott Barfknecht

Response to Comment N-16589:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16590

Comment ID: N-16590
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Responsible OHV users know that airing down our tires gives us better flotation in soft sand, and better grip on rocks.

We also find that our aired-down tires do little damage to the desert floor.

The EIS fails to note whether wheeled military vehicles will be similarly aired-down for less impact to the desert floor, and fails to note that using tracked vehicles will absolutely have a greater impact on the desert floor.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mohondro

Response to Comment N-16590:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16591

Comment ID: N-16591
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16591:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16592

Comment ID: N-16592
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan Hofer

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Frank Windust

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-16595:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The introduction of tracked vehicles to an area such as Johnson Valley OHV will have lasting effects would be very harmful to that area. Tough metal tracks are going to tear up the terrain.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Peter Anacabe

Response to Comment N-16596:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Kolman

Response to Comment N-16597:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16598:

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Comment ID: N-16599

Comment ID: N-16599
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16599:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-16600

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. The proposed expansion into Johnson Valley must not go through. I ask you to please rethink the expansion into Johnson Valley. Please expand east instead of into Johnson Valley.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16600:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16601

Comment ID: N-16601
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area – home to the famed King of the Hammers race. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. Additionally, myself and many others actively participate in land clean-up events throughout the year to preserve the area. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. As off road enthusiasts, we take a lot of pride in minimizing our environmental footprint in the areas that we use. I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great environmental impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16601:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-16602

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Anthony Bush

Response to Comment N-16602:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Sincerely,
Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16603:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

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John Casale

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-16605:

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Comment ID: N-16606

Comment ID: N-16606
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The BLM has hammered on OHV recreationists and OHV event promoters to protect the desert floor from spilled vehicle fluids, Motor oil, Automatic Transmission Fluid, Gear Oil, brake fluid. We take pride in our ability to minimize the risk of spills in the first place, to respond to an accidental spill, and to keep the desert clean.

Will the influx of military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley be similarly responsible or ethical?
The EIS does not state this.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mohondro

Response to Comment N-16606:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16607

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cody Rash

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Comment ID: N-16608

Comment ID: N-16608
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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Sincerely,

Shane Christofferson

Response to Comment N-16608:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16609

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From my experience while assigned to the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, these practices are not followed by the armed forces of the United States.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16609:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-16610

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

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Comment ID: N-16611

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-16611:

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Comment ID: N-16612

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16612:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

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Comment ID: N-16614

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16614:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16615

Comment ID: N-16615
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the Marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Orville Hrabec

Response to Comment N-16615:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16616

Comment ID: N-16616
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16616:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16617:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16618

Comment ID: N-16618
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16618:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16619

Comment ID: N-16619
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Be careful not to over-expand! Please reconsider your expansions!

Sincerely,

Ben Gross

Response to Comment N-16619:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16620

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? I believe this is not a necessary expansion. I support our troops through and through, but this still does not seem 100% necessary, and the only reason one should be taking away rights of citizens is due to 100% necessity. Please do not expand into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16620:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16621

Comment ID: N-16621
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Looking at the types of wars we are fighting now I have to question the need for such large training exercises. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? When our own military leaders have been saying that the style of battles have changed and that today the emphasis is on smaller more targeted assaults it just seems that this expansion is unnecessary.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-16621:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16622

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Scott Barfknecht

Response to Comment N-16622:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16623

Comment ID: N-16623
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16623:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16624

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16624:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16625

Comment ID: N-16625
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16625:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16626

Comment ID: N-16626
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Time to step back and look at where we concentrate our time and money, this is not it.

Sincerely,

Stan Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16626:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16627

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16627:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16628

Comment ID: N-16628
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16628:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16629

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While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Maurice Cox

Response to Comment N-16629:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16630

Comment ID: N-16630
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16630:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16631

Comment ID: N-16631
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16631:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16632

Comment ID: N-16632
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even in this slow economy people are still participating in OHV recreation, and as a result they are supporting a large industry in the US. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Johnson Valley is not only a very popular destination for people to recreate but it's also a proving grounds for new products. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

In addition many people are attracted by such events and build new vehicles as a result. Since the first KOH race the industry has experienced a huge amount of growth from people wanting to build similar vehicles so that they can emulate the racers and attempt to drive the same terrain. Losing this land would be a huge loss to the local community, the users of the land, and the off-road industry as a whole.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-16632:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16633

Comment ID: N-16633
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16633:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16634

Comment ID: N-16634
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Chris dolezal

Response to Comment N-16634:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16635

Comment ID: N-16635
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

If it weren't for the land available in Johnson Valley, many manufacturers would not be here today, thus putting an even larger financial burden on the citizens of the US.

While I myself have not been to Johnson Valley, I still purchase many products developed and tested out there, and I think it's a gigantic loss if this land were to be no longer available to the OHV world.

I hope you take this into consideration.

Thanks,

Sincerely,

Jeff Karr

Response to Comment N-16635:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16636

Comment ID: N-16636
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. These events bring incredible amounts of business to an area. Please do not expand into Johnson Valley and wipe out these events, and the industry support the area receives.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16636:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16637

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Furthermore, a significant amount of new technology in the OHV world came about specifically because of Johnson Valley and the King of the Hammers (KOH) race held there. KOH is like our space-race. It drives new technology which in turn brings new money into the economy. There is not another area like Johnson Valley so simply moving the KOH race is not an option. Please consider expanding east and leaving Johnson Valley open for all to use.

Sincerely,

Steven Calvert

Response to Comment N-16637:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16638

Comment ID: N-16638
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16638:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16639

Comment ID: N-16639
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

My family and children hope to attend the next KOH. This kind of event has a great impact on the younger ones. We are hoping to get the whole Cub Scout pack down to introduce them to an alternative way of recreating. Events like these are needed.

Save the children and Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Bryan Bunting

Response to Comment N-16639:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16640

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello,
My name is John and I have been recreating in the Johnson Valley area for 20 years.
For the last five years, I have been involved with the King of the Hammers race (KOH).
Lately, my business has turned towards building special race vehicles specifically for the KOH race.
Closing down land that we use to race on would severely impact my lively hood.
Please consider expanding in another direction.

Thanks for reading this,

John

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Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the
Hammers.

Sincerely,

John Reynolds

Response to Comment N-16640:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16641:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16642

Comment ID: N-16642
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. 1 in 4 Americans participates in OHV recreation. That is a huge market which would be impacted by the closure of JV. In tough economic times, is it a good idea to do irreversible damage to a thriving industry?

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16642:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16643:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16644:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16645

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16645:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:
To Whom it may concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

As an avid offroader, I have personally spent thousands upon thousands of dollars on products that were first tested and then showcased at events such as the aforementioned King of the Hammers.

The decision to expand the 29 Palms facility to the west would have a very significant impact on the OHV industry nationwide.

Sincerely,
Dustin Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16646:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Many companies are now building vehicles designed just for the King of the Hammers race, losing the Johnson Valley area would cripple some of these companies when they no longer had a market for parts and vehicles that they have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in R&D and production costs. Loss of the Johnson Valley area would also have a trickle down affect with the loss of the King of the Hammers race and the real world testing of parts that occurs during it.

Sincerely,

Andrew Brodie

Response to Comment N-16647:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,
Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16648:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16649:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16650

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Please, do not expand into Johnson Valley!

Sincerely,

Ben Gross

Response to Comment N-16650:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." How can you possibly put innocent human's lives in danger on a scale this large? It must not happen. Do not expand into Johnson Valley and put thousands of peoples lives in jeopardy. Live round training will only spell disaster for those that love to frequent the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16651:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

How do the Marines plan to clean up after themselves and their live fire training? Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." There is no way the general public can "Share" land that may have explosives hiding. That would cause a serious public safety issue and put the general public at risk.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-16652:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16653

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

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The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16653:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16654

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Sincerely,

Blaine Stolpestad

Response to Comment N-16654:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use," makes it very dangerous for the OHV community..

Sincerely,

Keha Quinabo

Response to Comment N-16655:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Richard Johnson

Response to Comment N-16656:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-16657:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,
Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16658:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16659:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16660:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16661:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Chris dolezal

Response to Comment N-16663:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Keep us safe-Go EAST!

Sincerely,

Edward Munding

Response to Comment N-16664:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area – home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Not only during the KOH race, but throughout the year, off-highway and other recreational uses brings thousands of users to the area. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

As an OIF veteran, I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16665:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16666:

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Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16667:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16668

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. The safety risk by expanding into Johnson Valley, and allowing live military fire, is too great. Please do not expand the 29 Palms base into Johnson Valley, and in doing so put even more people's lives in danger.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16668:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-16669

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

People wander in the desert. It is fun to explore. People currently wander onto the existing 29 Palms base.

Many more people would wander onto an expanded 29 Palms if the base expands into an area that the public has been long accustomed to using.

The public does not much use the area East of 29 Palms. This area would be ideal from a safety standpoint for a base expansion.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mohondro

Response to Comment N-16669:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Sincerely,

Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-16670:

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Comment ID: N-16671

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Misty Harvey

Response to Comment N-16671:

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Sincerely,

Daniel Cherill

Response to Comment N-16672:

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Sincerely,

sean deguara

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Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16674:

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Comment ID: N-16675

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-16675:

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Comment ID: N-16676

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. It could cause confusion and create a dangerous situation.

Sincerely,

Dan Hofer

Response to Comment N-16676:

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Comment ID: N-16677

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16677:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16678

Comment ID: N-16678
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16678:

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Comment ID: N-16679

Comment ID: N-16679
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Comment ID: N-16680

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-16680:

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Comment ID: N-16681

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16681:

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Comment ID: N-16682

Comment ID: N-16682
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Maurice Cox

Response to Comment N-16682:

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John V. Casale

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Comment ID: N-16684

Comment ID: N-16684
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have driven over and through MANY craters from bomb testing of the past. This expansion will ensure that Johnson Valley will NEVER be able to used by the public again. It is such a unique place and it is a real shame. Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16684:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16685:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16686

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. More people than ever are using off-road vehicles for recreation and at the same time the places to use them are disappearing. I do not condone illegal OHV use but it does happen, and will happen more as the OHV community loses our recreation areas. Please consider expanding east and leaving Johnson Valley open for all to legally use.

Sincerely,

Steven Calvert

Response to Comment N-16686:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16687

Comment ID: N-16687
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16687:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16688

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16688:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16689

Comment ID: N-16689
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space or other alternatives, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and cause greater problems than maintaining the current use of Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16689:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16690

Comment ID: N-16690
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16690:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16691

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To Whom It May Concern:

Being that Johnson Valley offers the worlds BEST rock crawling, I have no doubt that kids and people will venture out to the FAMOUS trails called the Hammers. There is nothing else like it and it can not be replaced. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16691:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16692

Comment ID: N-16692
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Instead of advocating illegal use of other lands, keep Johnson Valley open and expand in a direction that brings peace to all sides of the argument.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16692:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16693

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry is growing by leaps and bounds, and new users are joining in every day. Currently there are only so many legal places to go off-road and many are being closed making even fewer places for all these people to go. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. In addition, with Johnson Valley being such a well known area it will likely cause a lot of people to continue to use the area illegally, whether it's intentional or not.

Sincerely,

Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-16693:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16694

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

nathan james

Response to Comment N-16694:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16695

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Barfknecht

Response to Comment N-16695:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16696

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Ian Maxwell

Response to Comment N-16696:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16697

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Sincerely,

Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-16697:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16698

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Sincerely,

Jim Pavesi

Response to Comment N-16698:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16699

Comment ID: N-16699
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16699:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16700

Comment ID: N-16700
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16700:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16701

Comment ID: N-16701
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16701:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16702

Comment ID: N-16702
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 25, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16702:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16703

Comment ID: N-16703
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. With no place left to go, people will either be forced to abandon their OHV passion, or find other places to recreate (illegally). A recent study conducted by the US Forest Service concluded that 1 in 4 Americans has participated in OHV use. However, the number of legal OHV parks grows smaller and smaller each year.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16703:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16704

Comment ID: N-16704
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

kenneth rivenbark

Response to Comment N-16704:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16705

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16705:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16706

Comment ID: N-16706
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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Sincerely,

Maurice Cox

Response to Comment N-16706:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16707

Comment ID: N-16707
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jess Wade

Response to Comment N-16707:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16708

Comment ID: N-16708
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brady Doster

Response to Comment N-16708:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-16709

Comment ID: N-16709
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. So, please go EAST.

Sincerely,
Josh Nadell

Response to Comment N-16709:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16710

Comment ID: N-16710
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16710:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16711

Comment ID: N-16711
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Brady Doster

Response to Comment N-16711:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16712

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Mark Peterson

Response to Comment N-16712:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Jeremy Bollman

Response to Comment N-16713:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16714

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

The public recreation areas should be closer to the population centers for ease of access and use by the public while the Marines' uses should be kept to more remote areas to preserve the longevity of their use. MCACs Tustin and El Toro serve as good examples of what happens to military base uses that are too close to population centers; they go away. Going east will allow the Marines the space they need with less conflict with the majority of the population.

Sincerely,
Pete Shubin

Response to Comment N-16714:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16715

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this from across the atlantic ocean. Even over here we choose to join our american friends in their fight for land use.
I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,
Brynjar Eriksen

Response to Comment N-16715:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16716

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

What else can I say? GO EAST MARINES!!!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16716:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16717

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brandon Woods
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. I travel all the way from Texas yearly to enjoy this area and would like to be able to continue to in the future.

Thanks as always,

Brandon Woods

Sincerely,

Brandon Woods

Response to Comment N-16717:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16718

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, the area east of the base is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms than the Johnson Valley area to the west.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16718:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16719

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. This is a win win for everyone.

Sincerely,

Anthony Bush

Response to Comment N-16719:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16720

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

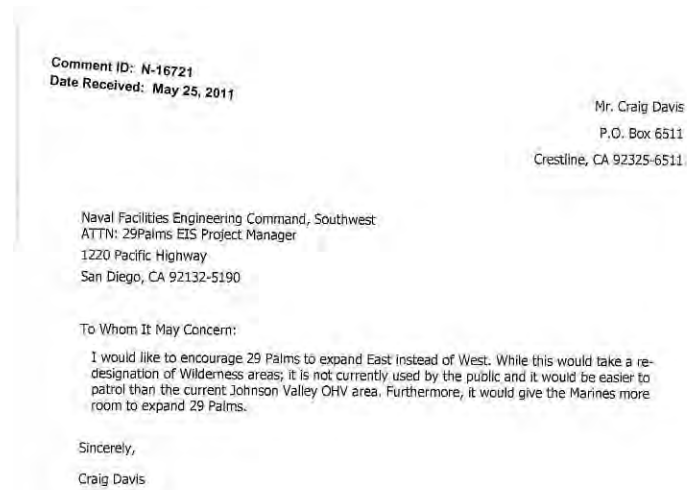
Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16720:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

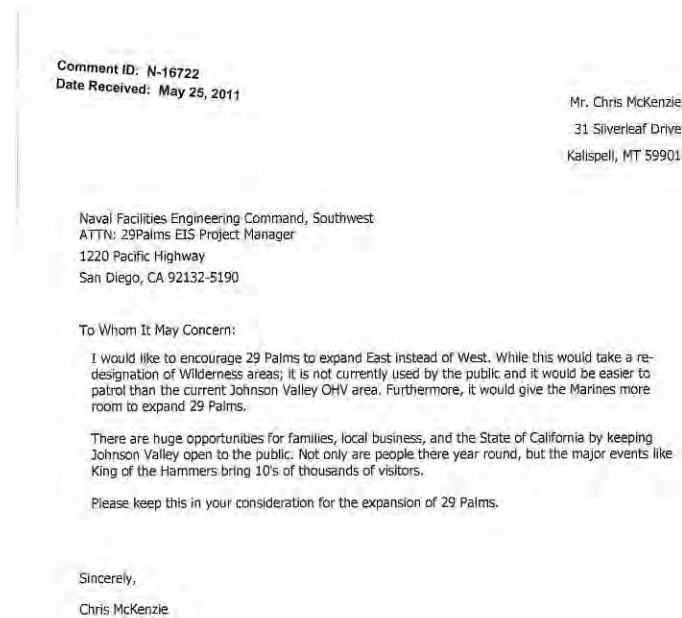
Comment ID: N-16721



Response to Comment N-16721:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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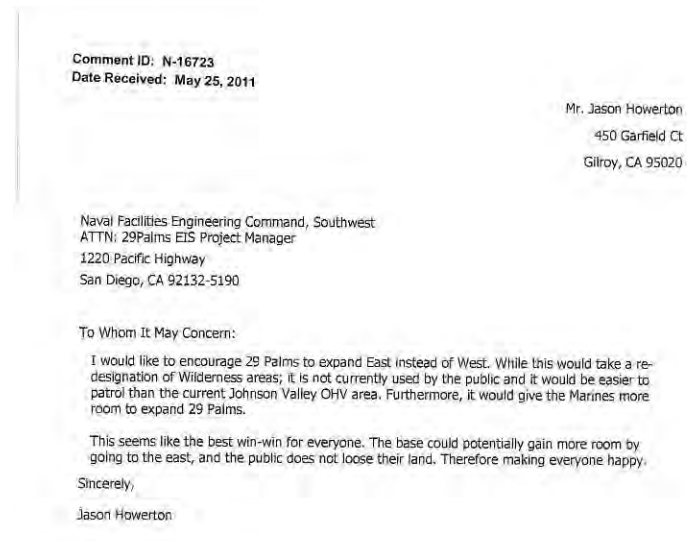


Response to Comment N-16722:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16723



Response to Comment N-16723:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16724

Comment ID: N-16724
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris dolezal
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Chris dolezal

Response to Comment N-16724:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16725

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West into Johnson Valley. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, it is not currently land used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

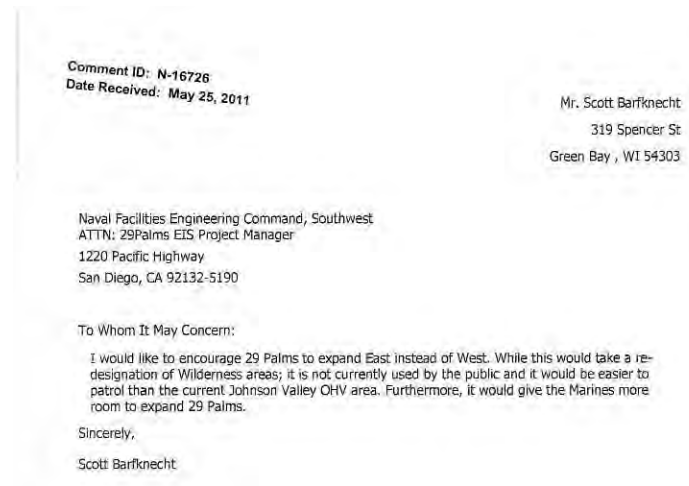
Sincerely,

Kirby Gehrum

Response to Comment N-16725:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Response to Comment N-16726:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16727

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Every year the 4x4 community loses hundreds of miles worth of trails. Unfortunately new trails are never opened, only long time, beloved trails closed. Please expand East instead of west.

Sincerely,

Megan Pearson

Response to Comment N-16727:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16728

Comment ID: N-16728
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Casey Palous

Response to Comment N-16728:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16729

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Omaha, NE 68135

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Mike Schmit

Response to Comment N-16729:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16730

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Date Received: May 26, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Bucari

Response to Comment N-16730:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16731

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Matthew Strmiska

Response to Comment N-16731:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16732

Comment ID: N-16732
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Please expand 29 palms East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. We currently drive out to Johnson Valley 2-3 times per year for races and general OHV use and it would be very disappointing to no longer have full access to the area we have been visiting for 20+ years.

Sincerely,

Loren Healy

Response to Comment N-16732:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16733

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16733:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16734

Comment ID: N-16734
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Maggie Harvey

Response to Comment N-16734:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Lord knows we have enough Wilderness now.

Sincerely,

Robert Howze

Response to Comment N-16735:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16736

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. This plan will benefit everyone!

Sincerely,
Dan Hofer

Response to Comment N-16736:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16737

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Anastasia Loukina

Response to Comment N-16737:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16738

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-16738:

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Comment ID: N-16739

Comment ID: N-16739
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16739:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16740

Comment ID: N-16740
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Aarin Moore

Response to Comment N-16740:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16741

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16741:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16742:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There is no need to take away public lands from those who were meant to use it. Expanding East has many more advantages for everyone involved. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Amanda Leighty

Response to Comment N-16743:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16744

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Harvey

Response to Comment N-16744:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Demers

Response to Comment N-16745:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16746:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16747

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Please study the potential of expanding 29 Palms to the East instead of into Johnson Valley to the west.

Johnson Valley is valuable to hundreds of thousands of OHV enthusiasts.

The Wilderness area to the east is valuable to several dozen people.

The greater good would have 29 Palms expand (if at all) to the East.

GO EAST!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Chris Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-16747:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16748

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jason Steele

Response to Comment N-16748:

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Comment ID: N-16749

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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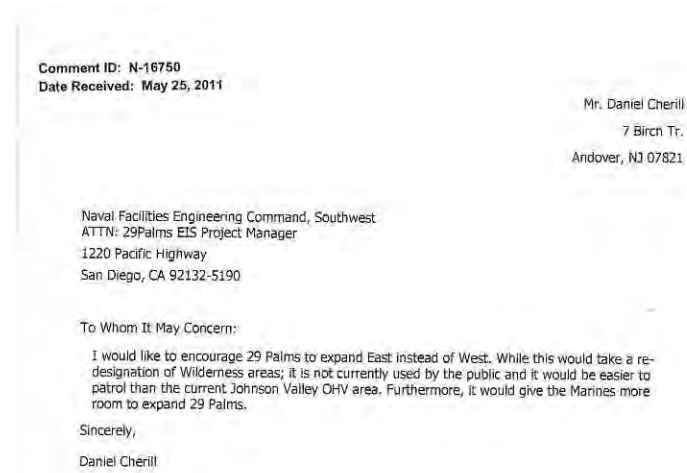
Sincerely,

Richard Johnson

Response to Comment N-16749:

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Comment ID: N-16751

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.
Westward expansion would have many adverse effects on the public and their views of the military. Go east!

Sincerely,
Jeff Rosenbaum

Response to Comment N-16751:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16752

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16752:

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Comment ID: N-16753

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.
Please re-consider the westward expansion in to the Johnson Valley OHV area.

Sincerely,

Eric Filar

Response to Comment N-16753:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16754

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Please consider expanding east and leaving Johnson Valley open for all to use.

Sincerely,

Steven Calvert

Response to Comment N-16754:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16755

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are other options for this expansion that do not involve Johnson Valley, and would better serve the general public. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. If it's space that is truly needed then east is the direction to go.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-16755:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16756

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

My husband is active duty Army and I support and respect all training for all branches, but I do not support this when the Marines could easily take land to the east. Many military families seek recreation in that area and they are entitled to use that land, as are all others. Do the right thing and take land to the east.

Thank you,
Melinda Foster

Sincerely,

Melinda Foster

Response to Comment N-16756:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16757

Comment ID: N-16757
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. With current economic and world conditions it makes absolutely no sense to take more from the public. There needs to be a examination of the military property holdings and THESE should be utilized instead!

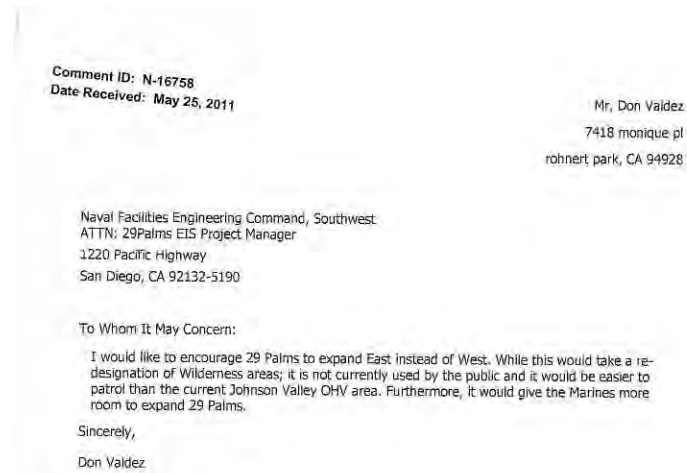
Sincerely,

Stan Carpenter

Response to Comment N-16757:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16758



Response to Comment N-16758:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16759

Comment ID: N-16759
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Rivenbark

Response to Comment N-16759:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16760

Comment ID: N-16760
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steve Perkins
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Crestview, FL 32536

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. please listen to the people that support our troops

Sincerely,

Steve Perkins

Response to Comment N-16760:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16761

Comment ID: N-16761
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Richard White

Response to Comment N-16761:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16762

Comment ID: N-16762
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Steve Jones

Response to Comment N-16762:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16763

Comment ID: N-16763
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ryan Williams
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Please understand that the OHV community is losing land everyday due to many reasons. So please anytime we have the opportunity to preserve, let's take advantage of it.

Sincerely,
Ryan Williams

Response to Comment N-16763:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16764

Comment ID: N-16764
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

dave bolles

Response to Comment N-16764:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16765

Comment ID: N-16765
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steve Harvey
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Steve Harvey

Response to Comment N-16765:

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Comment ID: N-16766

Comment ID: N-16766
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Sberal
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Sberal

Response to Comment N-16766:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16767

Comment ID: N-16767
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

TODD JERGENSEN

Response to Comment N-16767:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16768

Comment ID: N-16768
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mills
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Shermans Dale, PA 17090

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16768:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16769

Comment ID: N-16769
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16769:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16770

Comment ID: N-16770
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Darryl Merrin
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Please consider that for the most part OHV users are hobby oriented and do not have all the time in the world to read all the documents in such a short period of time. If more time is granted then there will be more public comments showing support for keeping Johnson Valley OHV open.

Sincerely,

Darryl Merrin

Response to Comment N-16770:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16771

Comment ID: N-16771
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bobby Johnson
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the USMC, but would like to see that the best decision regarding the expansion of 29 palms is made.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Bobby Johnson

Response to Comment N-16771:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16772

Comment ID: N-16772
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern;

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Sincerely,

ryan kenney

Response to Comment N-16772:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16773

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

MR. DARREN SINKEY
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

DARREN SINKEY

Response to Comment N-16773:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16774

Comment ID: N-16774
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Benjamin Florie
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Coos Bay, OR 97420

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to thoroughly go over the documents effectively. Please extend the current public comment period.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16774:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-16775

Comment ID: N-16775
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Anthony Bush
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Anthony Bush

Response to Comment N-16775:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16776

Comment ID: N-16776
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Craig Davis
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,
Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16776:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16777

Comment ID: N-16777
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Casale
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16777:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16778

Comment ID: N-16778
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Van Oeveren
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. This will allow everyone to have their voice heard. Please give everyone their fair share of time to react to the decision that is being made.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16778:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16779

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Richard Wilson
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To Whom It May Concern:

As the deadline draws near for the comment period, it is becoming even more evident that an extension is in order. With more information coming to light on the discrepancies and omissions from the Marine Corps report, it is imperative that the general public be given more time. With so much at stake in this issue, the lack of proper information from the onset of this issue is concerning. While I have the utmost respect for our fine Marine Corps, I must insist that all the correct information be released to the public with an extended period of time to analyze and respond to this information.

Sincerely,
Richard Wilson

Response to Comment N-16779:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16780

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,
Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16780:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16781

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16781:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16782

Comment ID: N-16782
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16782:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16783

Comment ID: N-16783
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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16783:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16784

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16784:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16785:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

Bryan Jones

Response to Comment N-16786:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16787

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Richard White

Response to Comment N-16787:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16788

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16788:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16789

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16789:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please extend the current public comment period. The amount of time provided is too brief for the public to examine the documents.

Sincerely,

Bobby Johnson

Response to Comment N-16790:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16791

Comment ID: N-16791
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16791:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-16792

Comment ID: N-16792
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16792:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16793:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16794

Comment ID: N-16794
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16794:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-16795

Comment ID: N-16795
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16795:

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Comment ID: N-16796

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

ryan kenney

Response to Comment N-16796:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16797

Comment ID: N-16797
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are constantly being viewed by the BLM to watch our fluid spills and we as offroaders, we oblide by their rules. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. I dont believe they will have the time or care to do so.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16797:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-16798

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The trails of Johnson Valley are like NONE other. Millions and millions of dollars have gone into not just using this area for recreation but also for industry testing. Nothing like it can EVER be simulated if this land gets taken from the public. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16798:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16799

Comment ID: N-16799
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

The off road industry and the entire OHV community would be affected by the closure of Johnson Valley OHV. This closure would be unfair to the tens of thousands of yearly users of the area. Please consider other options before closing Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Darryl Merrin

Response to Comment N-16799:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16800

Comment ID: N-16800
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16800:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16801

Comment ID: N-16801
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16801:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-16802

Comment ID: N-16802
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As I have spoken to many of the shop owners and residence of Johnson Valley, they are deeply concerned about the sound issue that the military will bring. They reside out in parts of such to get away from noise and the hustle and bustle of city life. As it is, they find the loud noise from training bothersome, if the expansion takes place, they will be devastated. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16802:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16803

Comment ID: N-16803
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16803:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16804

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16804:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-16805

Comment ID: N-16805
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I disagree with the reasons for expansion and the training to be conducted on this land if expanded upon. This type of warfare is becoming obsolete in the large scale realm. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16805:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-16806

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16806:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

29 Palms is not the only military base where training can take place. The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. To make assumptions like this without any real investigation is just plain wrong, and it's doing a huge disservice to the people that this plan affects. I'd like to suggest that the Marines take another look at other training areas that are already available to them before taking over land that is highly valued by the public that's paying for this training.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-16807:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. This must be addressed. What is to say that those false assumptions will not continue to when it is time to reopen the lands after a military exercise? In order to allow no false assumptions to be made, please leave Johnson Valley the way it is and expand if you must in another direction.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16808:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-16809:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16810:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16811:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps has excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. For all that will be lost by the expansion into Johnson Valley, it is owed to the multiple use groups involved to consider alternative options with a clear and open mind.

As an OIF veteran, I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16812:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

We need to FULLY examine each and every option available. Taking away public lands that are highly used is an option that should be very, very low on the list.
The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Eric Longenecker

Response to Comment N-16813:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Instead of expanding 29 Palms Marine Base, it makes far more sense to train using the un-used time and locations already available at Fort Irwin. That base was expanded years ago and has not been used nearly to its potential. Do not ignore the fact that the funding saved by taking the Ft. Irwin option is the RIGHT THING TO DO. Do not make false assumptions that Ft. Irwin could not be used to properly gain the extra training the current missions of the US Marine Corps needs. Marines can get what they need at Fort Irwin, doing so at a far smaller cost, far smaller infrastructure commitment, and utilize lands that are fully under-used, versus taking away lands used for recreation and tourism in the area surrounding Johnson Valley. Please, do not expand the 29 Palms Marine Base into Johnson Valley!

Sincerely,

Ryan Mohondro

Response to Comment N-16814:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16815:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-16816:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16817:

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The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16818:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Richard Johnson

Response to Comment N-16819:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-16820

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Please re-consider the westward expansion in to the Johnson Valley OHV area.

Sincerely,
Eric Filar

Response to Comment N-16820:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16821:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-16822:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

there is nowhere to go anymore, please compromise.

Sincerely,
Joshua Stephenson

Response to Comment N-16823:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Comment ID: N-16824
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The use of MASS ground warfare is over with the technology of today. I encourage you to use the funds available to you in these efforts to further technology that will PREVENT warfare and terrorist attacks on our country. The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16824:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

ryan kenney

Response to Comment N-16825:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. If the Marine Corps still feels the need to expand, they should look to the east, instead of Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16826:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16827:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16828:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Anthony Bush

Response to Comment N-16829:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions, mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Even if this IS the case, there is more room for them to train if 29 Palms expands to the East instead.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16830:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16831:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16832:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16833:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-16834:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Stop wasting time, resources, and MY playgrounds with somebody's desire to continue outdated training and tactics.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16835:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Cherill

Response to Comment N-16836:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16837:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Don Valdez

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I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Peter Anacabe

Response to Comment N-16839:

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16840:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions, mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16841:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16842

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To Whom It May Concern:

Other than us rock crawlers, Johnson Valley is used by a lot of other groups which have not organized how we have about this closure issue. Actually, I have spoken to many of shared land users on my ventures to Johnson Valley and they were ignorant to the efforts to keep Johnson Valley open to the public. Consider us just a small few of the camping, hiking, observationalists, etc etc. who aren't speaking forth about this and consider us all as a WHOLE. There are SO MANY other people who WILL NOT have the opportunity to be counted so I encourage you to consider THEM in your decision to take this land from the PEOPEL. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16842:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

ryan kenney

Response to Comment N-16843:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16844:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16845:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Anthony Bush

Response to Comment N-16846:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

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EXPAND TO THE EAST AND SAVE JOHNSON VALLEY!!!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16848:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16849:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16850

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-16850:

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Comment ID: N-16851

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Barfknecht

Response to Comment N-16851:

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Sincerely,

Blaine Stolpestad

Response to Comment N-16852:

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Comment ID: N-16853

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16853:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16854

Comment ID: N-16854
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-16854:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Comment ID: N-16856

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Sincerely,
Michael Demers

Response to Comment N-16856:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16857:

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Comment ID: N-16858

Comment ID: N-16858
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan Hofer
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please reconsider your plans to expand 29 Palms into Johnson Valley. While I understand the need for more space, consider this. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups, so not everyone has had a voice.

Sincerely,
Dan Hofer

Response to Comment N-16858:

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Comment ID: N-16859

Comment ID: N-16859
Date Received: May 28, 2011

Mr. Dan McClune
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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-16859:

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Comment ID: N-16860

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cory Angst

Response to Comment N-16860:

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Comment ID: N-16861

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Darryl Merrin
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Only a small percentage of users are actively involved in land use issues. The expansion of 29 Palms to include the Johnson Valley OHV will affect tens of thousands of American citizens from all walks of life. Please consider the people this expansion will affect. There are better alternatives such as expanding the base to the east of 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Darryl Merrin

Response to Comment N-16861:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16862

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16862:

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Comment ID: N-16863

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Orville Hrabec

Response to Comment N-16863:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-16864

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Sincerely,

Steve Perkins

Response to Comment N-16864:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

The reallocation of Johnson Valley would not only be an insult to the fans and users of this recreation area, but would be an insult to the men and women in uniform that regularly enjoy the area as well.

Sincerely,

Jason Yanna

Response to Comment N-16865:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

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Comment ID: N-16867

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Peter Anacabe

Response to Comment N-16867:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-16868

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

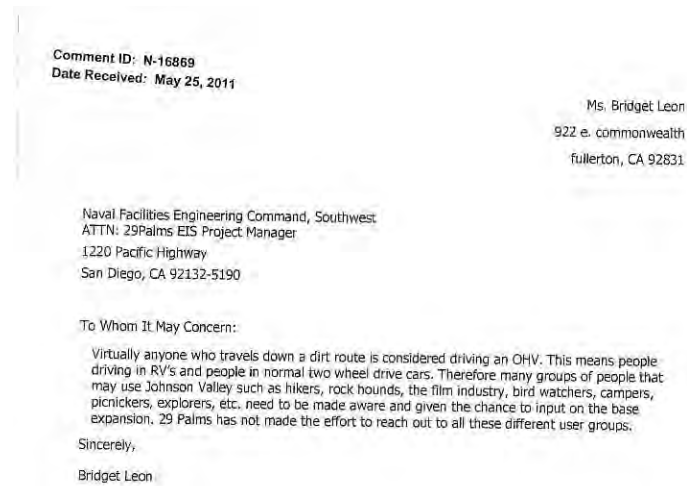
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Thanks for your consideration

Sincerely,
Dustin Stilwell

Response to Comment N-16868:

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Comment ID: N-16869



Response to Comment N-16869:

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Comment ID: N-16870

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To Whom It May Concern:

Southern California has a long standing love affair with the outdoors, and part of that is a love for OHV activities. We take our families out to the desert to get away from the traffic, noise, smog, etc. With the way suburbia is expanding there are fewer and fewer places to go to get away.

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Please consider another option that does not take even more land away from the people of southern California. We need some place to get away.

Sincerely,

Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-16870:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16871

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Please do not expand into Johnson Valley, and disrupt the way of life for millions of southern Californians. Expand to the east, and allow Californians to keep Johnson Valley open, and their way of life intact with Johnson Valley open to the public.

Go East Marines!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16871:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-16872

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16872:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16873

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16873:

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Comment ID: N-16874

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BUM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16874:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16875

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Blaine Stolpestad

Response to Comment N-16875:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16876

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16876:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16877:

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Sincerely,

Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-16878:

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Comment ID: N-16879

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

michael appezzato

Response to Comment N-16879:

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16880:

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Comment ID: N-16881

Comment ID: N-16881
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16881:

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Comment ID: N-16882

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClune
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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. OHV use and the activibes that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-16882:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16883:

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Comment ID: N-16884

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Sincerely,

Richard White

Response to Comment N-16884:

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Comment ID: N-16885

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Sincerely,
Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16885:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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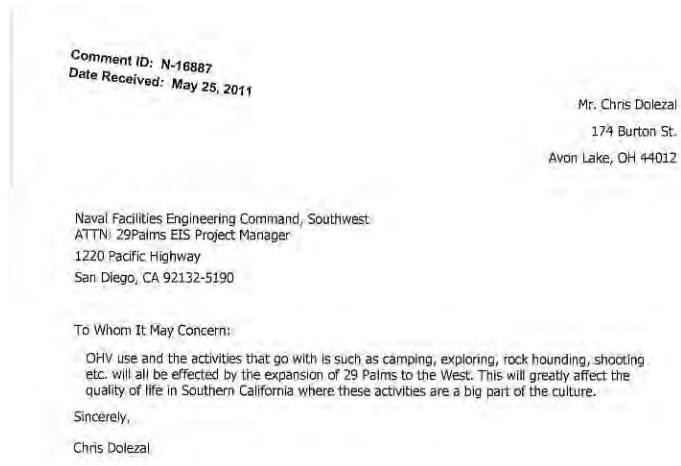
Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16886:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Response to Comment N-16887:

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Comment ID: N-16888

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV users are a very large and quickly growing group. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. Particularly in southern California there are more OHV registrations than any other area of the country. It's not hard to make the connection between this large user population and them having their own unique culture. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-16888:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

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Sincerely,

Brady Doster

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I have been four wheeling, camping and recreating on public lands for my entire life. If more public land continues to be closed to the public then there will be a significant impact on myself, my family, and the public. Please consider all other options before closing this wonderful area of the desert.

Sincerely,

Darryl Merrin

Response to Comment N-16891:

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Sincerely,

Mark Peterson

Response to Comment N-16892:

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Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16893:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16894:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Comparatively, there is a greater percentage of OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. This makes the OHV enthusiast a culture to be recognized. For tens of thousands of people like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16895:

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Sincerely,
Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16896:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-16897:

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Thanks
Anthony Lapczynski

Sincerely,

Anthony Lapczynski

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16899:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of a group sharing a singular purpose, I feel our requests are being taken entirely too lightly. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

We utilize the open and inhospitable lands for some of the biggest events in our professional sports. I simply cannot understand what could make these well used public lands more advantageous to your 'demonstrated need' than the lands to the east.

Sincerely,

Kyle Crowley

Response to Comment N-16900:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

dave bolles

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I would like my kids to be able to enjoy what I have enjoyed growing up. Do the right thing and keep this land OPEN!!

Sincerely,

Randy Thurman

Response to Comment N-16902:

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Sincerely,

Eric Barnes

Response to Comment N-16903:

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I have friends in parts of the south that I haven't seen since the Tellico ORV was shut down.

Sincerely,

chris robbins

Response to Comment N-16904:

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Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16905:

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

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To Whom It May Concern:

The EIS does not note the impact to the OHV culture. For many of us, rockcrawling and desert racing is a way to connect with our friends and families, to escape the stress of work, to escape the pandemonium of city life, and to reflect on life itself.

The EIS must be revised to consider the impact on the OHV culture.

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Chris Schoolcraft

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

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Sincerely,

sean deguara

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Richard White

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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16913:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16914

Comment ID: N-16914
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Marc Crosina

Response to Comment N-16914:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16915

Comment ID: N-16915
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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As a regular visitor to the beautiful Johnson Valley, I implore you to reconsider this shutting off of publicly accessible land.

Thank you for your time,
D. Fulton

Sincerely,

Dex Fulton

Response to Comment N-16915:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16916

Comment ID: N-16916
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jan Wagelaar

Response to Comment N-16916:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-16917

Comment ID: N-16917
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. As described to me by the locals, they are scared. For their livelihoods are at stake. Its a shame how easy it is for the government to take things from us people.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16917:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16918

Comment ID: N-16918
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

ryan kenney

Response to Comment N-16918:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16919

Comment ID: N-16919
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Please go East Marines!!

Sincerely,

Tyler Fernandez

Response to Comment N-16919:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16920

Comment ID: N-16920
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Thompson

Response to Comment N-16920:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16921

Comment ID: N-16921
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

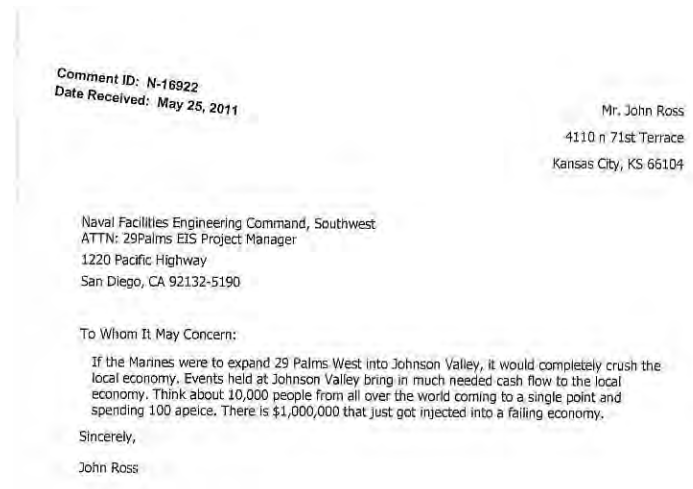
Sincerely,

Erik Larson

Response to Comment N-16921:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16922



Response to Comment N-16922:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16923

Comment ID: N-16923
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Charles Weiss
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-16923:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16924

Comment ID: N-16924
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16924:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16925

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-16925:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16926

Comment ID: N-16926
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16926:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16927

Comment ID: N-16927
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Every time I go to Johnson Valley, I fill the tanks of my wheeling rig and tow rig, and buy all of the food and supplies I need for the weekend - either in Yucca Valley or Apple Valley. I know that this is true with THOUSANDS of other people travelling out to Johnson Valley every year, including active duty and retired Marines. Closing Johnson Valley to the public (even if there is a little piece left open) will have a devastating impact on local economy - especially with people spending more and more as time goes by due to rock crawling and rock racing becoming popular and more mainstream. Thank you for regarding the impact that closing Johnson Valley will have on the area's economy and considering alternative areas to use for training.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16927:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16928

Comment ID: N-16928
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Off road sports help drive this area and removing them from that area would, people would lose a lot of business. Please rethink this decision, we don't need one more thing to hurt our economy.

Sincerely,

Steven Peterson

Response to Comment N-16928:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16929

Comment ID: N-16929
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is a huge part of the local economy. People from all walks of life and hobbyists come in droves to JV. Just the mention of the King of the hammers should bring thoughts of dollar signs.

Sincerely,

Anthony Bush

Response to Comment N-16929:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16930

Comment ID: N-16930
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

DARREN SINKEY

Response to Comment N-16930:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16931

Comment ID: N-16931
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I'm certain many local businesses rely heavily on the OHV traffic brought into Johnson Valley. Expanding into Johnson Valley would be a mistake, not just for those business, but for the taxpayers who come to Johnson Valley and spend their hard earned money. There must be a better solution.
GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16931:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16932

Comment ID: N-16932
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

dave bolles

Response to Comment N-16932:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16933

Comment ID: N-16933
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16933:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16934

Comment ID: N-16934
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the expansion of the 29 Palms Marine Base, if it expands west into the Johnson Valley recreation area, the economy of the towns directly around Johnson Valley will be greatly affected. Personally, my family spends multiple thousands of dollars per year in the local economy.

We recreate in the Johnson Valley area more than 15 weekends per year, going so far as to spend 14 days straight there during the time of the King of the Hammers Off Road Race, plus another couple of one week stretches throughout the year for race practice and/or family recreation time with my wife and two school-age sons.

Each time we arrive, we do so with no groceries and empty fuel tanks. We fill over 100 gallons at local gas stations EVERY VISIT WE MAKE...on longer visits, we fill over 200 gallons, with most of it being premium fuel. Then, we head to the local market to buy groceries. Also, if we need spare parts, we purchase them locally, plus we attend weekend fundraiser barbecues and pancake breakfasts, plus get camping gear and other supplies locally on a regular basis. Add it all up and the dollars taken away from the local economy from recreationalists like me is a HUGE sum of money. Big money in small towns that rely on our tourism dollars.

Don't take money out of the local community by moving west into the Johnson Valley Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mohondro

Response to Comment N-16934:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16935

Comment ID: N-16935
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The surrounding towns depend on tourism dollars to survive. Without Johnson Valley bringing in off-road enthusiast dollars the local gas stations, grocery stores, hotels, parts stores, and more will have an even harder time staying open in an already tough economy. Please consider expanding east and leaving Johnson Valley open for all to use.

Sincerely,

Steven Calvert

Response to Comment N-16935:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16936

Comment ID: N-16936
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Thank you,
Lisa

Sincerely,

Lisa Cauthen

Response to Comment N-16936:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16937

Comment ID: N-16937
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-16937:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16938

Comment ID: N-16938
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,
Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-16938:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-16939

Comment ID: N-16939
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Justin Seibel

Response to Comment N-16939:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16940

Comment ID: N-16940
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Many events happen on that area that support local businesses. Hotels, gas stations and restaurants will all see the negative affects.

Sincerely,

Dan Hofer

Response to Comment N-16940:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16941

Comment ID: N-16941
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I know of Hundreds of people that go to Johnson Valley for four wheeling, closing it down would be like closing Disney land in Anaheim.

Sincerely,

Jason Pittman

Response to Comment N-16941:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16942

Comment ID: N-16942
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I travel from Washington to visit the Hammer trails and I plan on doing it at least another time this year. I know myself and several others spend countless dollars in the local area filling up propane, fuel and food for the week long treks. Once we lose that area, we'll all have to travel to other places and the money that could have been spent in California and mainly the local area, will be spent other places.

Sincerely,

Shane Christofferson

Response to Comment N-16942:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16943

Comment ID: N-16943
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16943:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16944

Comment ID: N-16944
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
My family and I spend thousands of dollars in the local communities surrounding the Johnson Valley OHV area. Without the OHV area there is little reason to pass through the nearby towns.

Sincerely,

Eric Filar

Response to Comment N-16944:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16945

Comment ID: N-16945
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Many businesses derive their sole source of income directly from the event's held on the Johnson Valley lake bed.

Please consider this as I believe that a major part of protecting our freedoms is to also protect the individuals' ability to provide for their families.

Sincerely,
Dustin Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16945:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16946

Comment ID: N-16946
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The county of El Dorado was hit hard by the ROD in the travel management plan. Don't let the same thing happen to Johnson Valley.

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,
Bryan Bunting

Response to Comment N-16946:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16947

Comment ID: N-16947
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

TODD JERGENSEN

Response to Comment N-16947:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16948

Comment ID: N-16948
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. KOH brings in massive amounts of tourists and tourist dollars. It is vital to the local economy. Closing Johnson Valley would be a crushing blow to an already devastated economy.

Thanks for your time, John Cook.

Sincerely,

John Cook

Response to Comment N-16948:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16949

Comment ID: N-16949
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Many people depend on the revenue that JV brings and I don't just mean those who are in that area. Many people travel to that area of California from far flung places and spend money all along the way. It is a huge destination for some who would not otherwise visit California.

Please reconsider the expansion and leave Johnson Valley to us to enjoy for many more years to come.

Sincerely,

Shawn Ceeko

Response to Comment N-16949:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16950

Comment ID: N-16950
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

David Amundson

Response to Comment N-16950:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16951

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Richard White

Response to Comment N-16951:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16952

Comment ID: N-16952
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Katz
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Brian Katz

Response to Comment N-16952:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16953

Comment ID: N-16953
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The Johnson Valley OHV area attracts many off road enthusiasts. These people buy food, gas, water, ice, vehicle parts and many other supplies from all of the local businesses. I can only imagine the loss of sales. I know that the Apple Valley Albertsons and Walmart would lose HUGE amounts of money in February—just with the loss of one event. Ask them what their sales are like in February compared with other months, and how February is probably a better month over the last few years. .

These OHV areas attract THOUSANDS of people every year. Many of whom stop in Lucerne, Apple and Yucca Valleys to stock up, get gas, and run into town when they break something. We are trying to IMPROVE the economy in California, not depress it even more. PLEASE RECONSIDER. This is only ONE reason for the Marines to GO EAST!!!

Thank you!!!

Sincerely,

Kim Browne

Response to Comment N-16953:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16954

Comment ID: N-16954
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Some of the events that are held bring people from all over the country, all spending money in local stores.

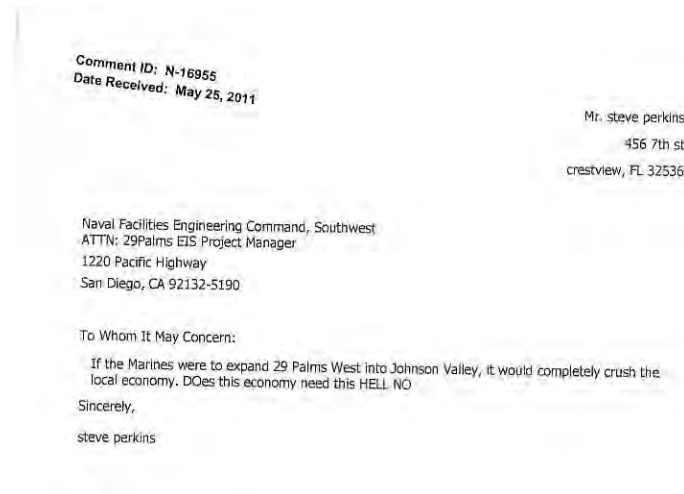
Sincerely,

Dustin Stilwell

Response to Comment N-16954:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16955



Response to Comment N-16955:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16956

Comment ID: N-16956
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16956:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16957

Comment ID: N-16957
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Outside of the local armed forces men, women, and families, the main source to fund the local economy is the outdoors enthusiast. From hikers to off-roaders, this would be a tremendous blow to the local economy. In a country, in the midst of our greatest recession since the Great Depression, any and all methods should be used and considered to support local economies. The money generated by this area is not generated by private citizens alone. Men and women in uniform support these sports, as well as the local business related to these hobbies and interests in the greater 29 Palms area.

For the sake of the local economy, and for the consideration our men and women in uniform, please consider keeping the Johnson Valley Recreation Area open, and look eastward.

Sincerely,

Jason Yanna

Response to Comment N-16957:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16958

Comment ID: N-16958
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-16958:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16959

Comment ID: N-16959
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy and provide no real benefit to anyone.

Sincerely,

James Knox

Response to Comment N-16959:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16960

Comment ID: N-16960
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I think this would be a bad idea in a time of economic uncertainty. The marines like any other government agency should be looking to help local economies. This will also affect other economies across the country. Fewer places to ride and drive equal less people spending money to fix or fix up their rides.

Thanks,
Kevin Burk
Sincerely,
Kevin Burk

Response to Comment N-16960:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-16961

Comment ID: N-16961
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Benjamin Florie
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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-16961:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16962

Comment ID: N-16962
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Brady Doster

Response to Comment N-16962:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16963

Comment ID: N-16963
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

ryan kenney

Response to Comment N-16963:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16964

Comment ID: N-16964
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Helen Baker
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

The Delis does not adequately address the real number of visitors to the area under study in Johnson Valley. The study must include actual traffic counts for a period of no less than one year. The traffic study must be conducted on the following access roads to the Johnson Valley Open Area, Camp Rock Road, Bessemer Mine Road and Boone Road.

Had the above studies been conducted the displacement of the number of users would have been prohibitive.

Sincerely,
Helen Baker

Response to Comment N-16964:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16965

Comment ID: N-16965
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being written to express my displeasure over the desired expansion by the USMC into the Johnson Valley OHV area.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Go east Marines! Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Tessa Fernandez

Response to Comment N-16965:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16966

Comment ID: N-16966
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Heather McMurray
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the 29 Palms expansion plans for Johnson Valley, California.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Second, Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the "Mecca" of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Likewise, The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,
Heather McMurray

Response to Comment N-16966:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16967

Comment ID: N-16967
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.
This is an important cause for the OHV community. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-16967:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16968

Comment ID: N-16968
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Casale
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-16968:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16969

Comment ID: N-16969
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,
Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-16969:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16970

Comment ID: N-16970
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Anthony Bush

Response to Comment N-16970:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16971

Comment ID: N-16971
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Brett Joiner

Response to Comment N-16971:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16972

Comment ID: N-16972
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

DARREN SINKEY

Response to Comment N-16972:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16973

Comment ID: N-16973
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Please do not expand into Johnson Valley. GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-16973:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16974

Comment ID: N-16974
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Casey Palous

Response to Comment N-16974:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16975

Comment ID: N-16975
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I live in an area heavily affected by closures 20 years ago all the local beaches and government property's were legally accessible. Now I would estimate 80+% is now closed to ohv usage.

Sincerely,

Tony Egge

Response to Comment N-16975:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16976

Comment ID: N-16976
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Robertson
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Most of the OHV community is a "keep-to-themselves" type of people who don't speak up and cause a ruckus. This in and of itself should tell you how important Johnson Valley is to our sport. Please consider expanding east instead of west.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Robertson

Response to Comment N-16976:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16977

Comment ID: N-16977
Date Received: May 28, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. In my home state I have to pay to go off-road in a small private area. I visited Johnson Valley this last February to watch the King of the Hammers race and I was very impressed with the large amount of public land open for public use. This does not exist where I come from and it would be a shame if it ceased to exist in Southern California. I will be coming back to Johnson Valley at least once per year as long as it remains open. Please consider expanding east and leaving Johnson Valley open for all to use.

Sincerely,

Steven Calvert

Response to Comment N-16977:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16978

Comment ID: N-16978
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Anderson

Response to Comment N-16978:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16979

Comment ID: N-16979
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. As a resident of inland southern California and a frequent user of the Johnson Valley OHV area, I hope a solution can be reached that will not cause the loss of more recreation land.

Sincerely,
David King

Response to Comment N-16979:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16980

Comment ID: N-16980
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Stop, PUBLIC lands are PUBLIC.

Sincerely,

Richard McCraw

Response to Comment N-16980:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16981

Comment ID: N-16981
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-16981:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16982

Comment ID: N-16982
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is very important to the offroad community. We have such few places to legally and responsibly utilize our vehicles that further restrictions will be very detrimental. Please reconsider this accumulation of land for military training missions.

sincerely,

Dr. Brian Drake D.O.

Sincerely,

Brian Drake

Response to Comment N-16982:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16983

Comment ID: N-16983
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Justin Seibel

Response to Comment N-16983:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16984

Comment ID: N-16984
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-16984:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16985

Comment ID: N-16985
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

dave bolles

Response to Comment N-16985:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16986

Comment ID: N-16986
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States; The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-16986:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16987

Comment ID: N-16987
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. This is a rare and unique area that needs to be preserved for OHV and all other use types.

Sincerely,

Dan Hofer

Response to Comment N-16987:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16988

Comment ID: N-16988
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase in the number of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to routes being redesignated as Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects the closure will have on the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Davis

Response to Comment N-16988:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16989

Comment ID: N-16989
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Have you not taken enough?

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-16989:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16990

Comment ID: N-16990
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Neal Buckel
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Ever since I was a small child, no older than 4, I can remember taking off road trips with my Father in his Jeep. These trips will forever be remembered by me as the times that my father and I bonded tremendously. I cringe at the thought of not being able to go on Jeep rides with my children in the future.
Please consider the thought that spending time out at Johnson Valley OHV area brings the family together and creates everlasting memories.

Sincerely,

Neal Buckel

Response to Comment N-16990:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16991

Comment ID: N-16991
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Sincerely,

Daniel Cherill

Response to Comment N-16991:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16992

Comment ID: N-16992
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-16992:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16993

Comment ID: N-16993
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andrew Perle

Response to Comment N-16993:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16994

Comment ID: N-16994
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Dustin Stilwell

Response to Comment N-16994:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16995

Comment ID: N-16995
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Earl Fraser
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Sincerely,

Earl Fraser

Response to Comment N-16995:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16996

Comment ID: N-16996
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I hope you understand the importance of OHV lands to my family. We are able to spend quality time together enjoying the outdoors. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jan Wagelaar

Response to Comment N-16996:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16997

Comment ID: N-16997
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Richard White

Response to Comment N-16997:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16998

Comment ID: N-16998
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Brian Antle

Response to Comment N-16998:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-16999

Comment ID: N-16999
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-16999:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17000

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Peter Anacabe

Response to Comment N-17000:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17001

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-17001:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-17002:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17003

Comment ID: N-17003
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17003:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17004:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17005

Comment ID: N-17005
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that there is NO WAY that the use of water will be of big importance since the reasoning of this land grab is to "simulate" real warfare in the Middle East. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17005:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Families around Johnson Valley are deeply concerned about the air quality and their children if this expansion takes place. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, travelling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17006:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17007

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. I do not believe this is a viable option to maintain the air quality presently in the Johnson Valley area. Please do not expand into Johnson Valley.

Go East Marines!
Sincerely,
Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-17007:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. This cannot be good for the environment. IN contrast, the OHV vehicles that frequent Johnson Valley right now, are actually quite fuel efficient, many of which run on propane or other efficient energies. Please do not cause harm to an area which has been relatively untouched for many years.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-17008:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17009

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Also "ordinance residue based" lawsuits might be filed, when the public suddenly is quite upset about the marines, and outraged about the quality of life it suddenly brings.

Sincerely,

Ben Gross

Response to Comment N-17009:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17010

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

This is a working ecosystem today, Johnson Valley and the OHV "crowd". Nature and OHV exist in harmony. Clean up crews are organized. All together the footprint is just much smaller.

Please reconsider expanding into the Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Ben Gross

Response to Comment N-17010:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17011

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Chris dolezal

Response to Comment N-17011:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17012

Comment ID: N-17012
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-17012:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley, the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-17013:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17014

Comment ID: N-17014
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Craig Davis
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-17014:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-17015:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17016

Comment ID: N-17016
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Have the Marines done any kind of research into the impact that large scale exercises in Johnson Valley will have on the local air quality? With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. In addition to the dust thrown into the air during exercises the increased traffic and tearing up of the soil by these vehicles will cause much more dust to be picked up by the high winds that frequently occur in the area even long after a training exercise has ended.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-17016:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17017

Comment ID: N-17017
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Forest Park, IL 60130

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To Whom It May Concern:

Has the Marine Corps done any sort of research on the possible effects of large vehicle movements in regards to air quality and pollution in the area? With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. Currently the majority of users are driving gasoline powered vehicles that are heavily controlled and tested for their emissions via the California Smog program. How much damage could we see to our air due to this expansion and the proposed exercises?

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-17017:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17018

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-17018:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17019

Comment ID: N-17019
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Environmental Impact Statement has not considered the Environmental Impact of the increased wheeled and tracked military vehicle traffic and the airborne dust created.

Air quality will be negatively impacted.

The EIS does not state how many water trucks will be necessary to cope with the dust created by a single MEB.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mohondro

Response to Comment N-17019:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17020

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Most people think that OHV enthusiasts pollute the environment with their vehicles. In fact, most OHV enthusiasts care for their vehicles to minimize impact on our trails and even participate in trail clean-ups to keep the few trails we have open beautiful for our children. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Please reconsider expanding the Marine Base east instead of west into Johnson Valley.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Robertson

Response to Comment N-17020:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17021

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Blaine Stolpestad

Response to Comment N-17021:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17022

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-17022:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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hainesville, IL 60030

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. Does the USMC not have to abide by any emission standards? The emissions given off by military vehicles is so damaging and this only expands that. Can we afford to run more military vehicles? I understand this is for the protection of the US, and I appreciate what all military personnel do, but this will cause an unnecessary use of US tax dollars that are already stretched too thin.

Sincerely,

rich scutellaro

Response to Comment N-17023:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17024

Comment ID: N-17024
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-17024:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17025

Comment ID: N-17025
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-17025:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17026

Comment ID: N-17026
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-17026:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. This will also release large amounts of NOx into the air, the leading contributor to smog.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-17027:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17028

Comment ID: N-17028
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-17028:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-17029:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17030

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17030:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17031

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Environmental Impact Statement has not considered the Environmental Impact of the increased wheeled and tracked military vehicle traffic and the airborne dust created.

Air quality will be negatively impacted.

The EIS does not state how many water trucks will be necessary to cope with the dust created by a single MEB.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. RIGHT?????

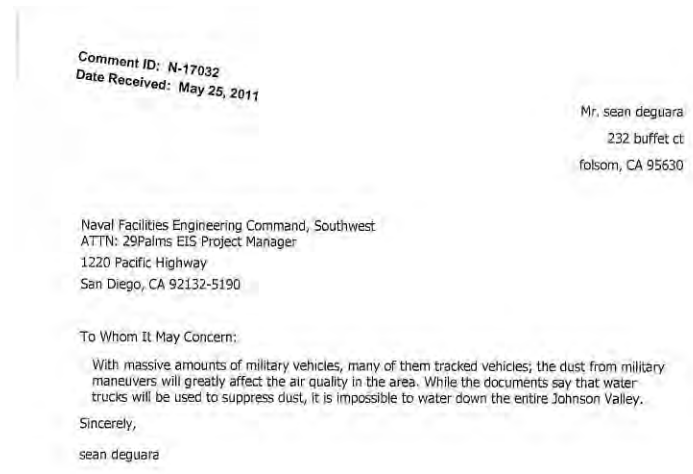
Sincerely,

Chris Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-17031:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17032



Response to Comment N-17032:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17033

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Cherill
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley;

Sincerely,

Daniel Cherill

Response to Comment N-17033:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-17034:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17035

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Don Valdez
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles, the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17035:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17036:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17037

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-17037:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17038

Comment ID: N-17038
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Sure there are more environmental issues, but havent these issues been handled before?! Please consider this and not take away our one of a kind outlet to enjoy with our families.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17038:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17039

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

ryan kenney

Response to Comment N-17039

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17040

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Erik Larson

Response to Comment N-17040:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17041

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-17041:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17042:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17043

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-17043:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17044

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Anthony Bush

Response to Comment N-17044:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17045

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brett Joiner
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Brett Joiner

Response to Comment N-17045

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17046

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

DARREN SINKEY

Response to Comment N-17046:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17047

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Please do not expand into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-17047:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-17048:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17049

Comment ID: N-17049
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Johnson Valley would remain open for recreational use and you will have a better area to expand the base into. It would be a win-win for everyone.

Sincerely,

Steven Calvert

Response to Comment N-17049:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17050

Comment ID: N-17050
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-17050:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17051

Comment ID: N-17051
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

OR GO TO IRWIN!

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-17051:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17052

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern;

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-17052:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17053

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Johnson Valley is one of the last great OHV areas left in the state.

Sincerely,

Dustin Stilwell

Response to Comment N-17053:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17054

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Richard White

Response to Comment N-17054:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17055

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17055:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17056

Comment ID: N-17056
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-17056:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17057

Comment ID: N-17057
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Joe White

Response to Comment N-17057:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17058

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

A lot of people seem to think that Johnson Valley is just some place in the desert where people drive around in Jeeps. This simply is not true. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Nearly every off-road related magazine, TV show, internet message board and web site in the world discusses Johnson Valley and the unique terrain contained within. People regularly travel from hundreds, if not thousands of miles away to visit. People also very regularly build vehicles specifically to traverse the rough terrain of JV. Not only is this a highly valued cultural area, but also an economic one. The amount of money spent in the local area pales on comparison to the amount that many of the areas users spend on building and modifying their vehicles for these trips. Closing this area would be a huge blow to both OHV users and the companies that support the sport.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-17058:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17059

Comment ID: N-17059
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Johnson Valley Recreation area is not just a spot for people to get out and enjoy our beautiful country through some recreational wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" and needs to seriously consider why it should remain a viable OHV destination not just for the area, but for citizens all over the country to enjoy.

Sincerely,

David Moore

Response to Comment N-17059:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17060

Comment ID: N-17060
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Brady Doster

Response to Comment N-17060:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17061

Comment ID: N-17061
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Here is a simple offer that I can give.

If you would like to see why Johnson Valley is important to the 4 wheel community, I reserve a seat in my truck for you. I can show you better then any letter could tell you.

4 Wheeling is my outlet in life. Do not take this away from me.

My address is above.

Sincerely,

Brady Doster

Response to Comment N-17061:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17062

Comment ID: N-17062
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Padilla
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have built up my truck over YEARS to be able to enjoy Johnson Valley. It is a reall accomplishment to be part of this Mecca of rock crawling. This place is as hardcore as it gets and based on that, my family has built many relationships with other families like us while using this land in Johnson Valley. We look forward to bonding in this desert with each other and with others. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17062:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17063

Comment ID: N-17063
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Please reconsider expanding in this direction. It will affect LOT of people.

Sincerely,

Travis Macie

Response to Comment N-17063:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17064

Comment ID: N-17064
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" Although I may never be able to go to Johnson Valley, it is still on my bucket list. Please do not shut this area down before I at least make an attempt to go to Johnson Valley. There must be another space that still allows for marine corps expansion, and maintaining Johnson Valley as the premier off road location.

Save Johnson Valley. Go East Marines!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-17064:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17065

Comment ID: N-17065
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Ross
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Being a part of the OHV "Culture" I can tell you the importance of Johnson Valley. Living in Kansas does not afford alot of areas where you can go from sand to rock. I attended the King of the Hammers in 09 and I was fortunate enough to realize that Johnson Valley give the opportunity to everyone, not just the west coast, to experience the natural wonder that America has to offer. Shutting it down to expand the military base doesn't make sense when there are viable options to the East.

Sincerely,

John Ross

Response to Comment N-17065:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17066

Comment ID: N-17066
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling, It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture." The point is that there is no alternative to Johnson Valley from a cultural, diversity, and economic standpoint. When combined with the cumulative effect of countless other closures of public land to the public, this action must be given even greater weight in this particular decision.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17066:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17067

Comment ID: N-17067
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Charles Weiss
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17067:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17068

Comment ID: N-17068
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Casale
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-17068:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17069

Comment ID: N-17069
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Benjamin Florie
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. Along with the other multiple uses, it is THE Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The King of the Hammers race has made Johnson Valley a household name throughout the world. I doubt that the USMC realizes the full importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" that it entails.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-17069:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17070

Comment ID: N-17070
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Craig Davis
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling, it is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-17070:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17071

Comment ID: N-17071
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steven Calvert
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go four-wheeling. It is the epicenter of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV culture. I traveled over 3000 miles and spent thousands of dollars this year to enjoy Johnson Valley this year and I will do so in the following years if Johnson Valley remains open. Please consider expanding east and leaving Johnson Valley open for all to use.

Sincerely,
Steven Calvert.

Response to Comment N-17071:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17072

Comment ID: N-17072
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off
-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not
realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Chris dolezal

Response to Comment N-17072:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17073

Comment ID: N-17073
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

You would not appreciate it if the country decided to take away the bullets to military guns, so why should the government decide to take away the Johnson Valley to our OHV hobbies? Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Eric Longenecker

Response to Comment N-17073:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17074

Comment ID: N-17074
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The EIS does not note the impact to the OHV culture. For many of us, rockcrawling and desert racing is a way to connect with our friends and families, to escape the stress of work, to escape the pandemonium of city life, and to reflect on life itself.

The EIS must be revised to consider the impact on the OHV culture.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mohondro

Response to Comment N-17074:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17075

Comment ID: N-17075
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Mike Schmit

Response to Comment N-17075:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17076

Comment ID: N-17076
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Mazerolle

Response to Comment N-17076:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17077

Comment ID: N-17077
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". By Closing Johnson Valley, it greatly impacts available locations where members of the OHV community can responsibly enjoy our hobby. Not to mention the lost revenue from people literally traveling across the country just to reach this beautiful location.

Sincerely,

Chris Ryan

Sincerely,

Chris Ryan

Response to Comment N-17077:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17078

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Sincerely,

Chris Ryan

Sincerely,

Chris Ryan

Response to Comment N-17078:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17079

Comment ID: N-17078
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is so much more than just a place for people to go wheeeling. It is considered the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". The amount of recreation that would be stopped by this land acquisition is enormous. Please reconsider using the land East of 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Kirby Gehrum

Response to Comment N-17079:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17080

Comment ID: N-17080
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Loosing this land to OHV use would put a huge loss of revenue in the surrounding cities and cripple our sport and lifestyle.

Sincerely,

Chris Puder

Response to Comment N-17080:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17081

Comment ID: N-17081
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Rocco Fichetola
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Sincerely,

Rocco Fichetola

Response to Comment N-17081:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17082



Response to Comment N-17082:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17083

Comment ID: N-17083
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Cody Rash
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-17083:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17084

Comment ID: N-17084
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-17084:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17085

Comment ID: N-17085
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

No body cares about the OHV "culture". If there was a Nascar track or a football stadium people would be outraged. Since it just some desert where some rednecks go and drive their four wheel drives who cares? Well there are thousands of us that care, and despite the stereo types we are not a bunch of rednecks out to tear up the environment. Places to go wheeling are getting shut down fast enough by environmentalists, logging companies, etc...

Almost everyone in the OHV community supports the Armed Forces of this country. I would say more then just about any other group of people. How about showing us a little support and not taking one of the most important wheeling areas in the country.

Public lands are being closed to public and especially OHV use at an alarming rate. If there was no other alternative then closing down the Johnson Valley Recreation area then I would understand. There is other alternatives and I urge you to at least consider them.

Sincerely,

Bryan Bagwell

Response to Comment N-17085:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17086

Comment ID: N-17086
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I personally have never been to Johnson Valley, BUT I do thoroughly enjoy reading about the good times many people have there, along with the King of the Hammers that is amazing.

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Jason Pittman

Response to Comment N-17086:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17087

Comment ID: N-17087
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ryan Ray
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To Whom It May Concern:

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There are plenty of other places to train, don't go to the place that is possibly the least replaceable spot on the planet for off road enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-17087:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17088

Comment ID: N-17088
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-17088:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17089

Comment ID: N-17089
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joey Timmons

Response to Comment N-17089:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17090

Comment ID: N-17090
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Nathan Haynes
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Please take this into consideration and I hope that this area will continue to be available to generations to follow.

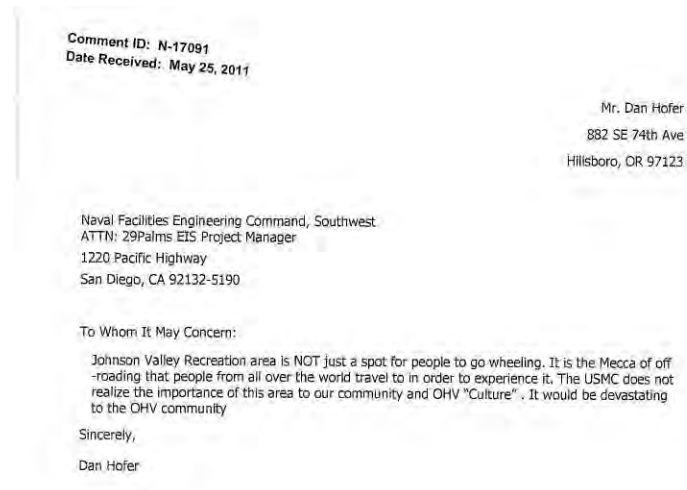
Sincerely,

Nathan Haynes

Response to Comment N-17090:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17091



Response to Comment N-17091:

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Comment ID: N-17092

Comment ID: N-17092
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-17092:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17093

Comment ID: N-17093
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. It is the place in which the renowned King of the Hammers, amongst other big off road events take place. In which 1000's of Americans take part in, watch and dedicate their pass time to. Not only are the big events important to the offroad community, this location also provides one of the few places left for the general public to take their family to and enjoy wheeling together. This may not seem like much to you, but 1000's of us dedicated wheelers spend alot of our time and energy to just be able to take out our loved ones and meet up with friends or clubs to share something together that many really do understand. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Please reconsider your other options available to you. Go east and leave Johnson Valley for the all American pass time it was meant for. Please leave something for us all to enjoy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua Heidt

Response to Comment N-17093:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17094

Comment ID: N-17094
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Peter Bonebakker

Response to Comment N-17094:

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Comment ID: N-17095

Comment ID: N-17095
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the blessed opportunity to teach several lessor fortunate young ladies how to ride a motorcycle in Johnson Valley. I have explored that valley for the last 20 years. We teach them about all the wildlife and how to respect it. We also educate them on all the local plant life and flowers. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Nicole Pitell

Response to Comment N-17095:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17096

Comment ID: N-17096
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

TODD JERGENSEN

Response to Comment N-17096:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17097

Comment ID: N-17097
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

marc salvatore

Response to Comment N-17097:

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Comment ID: N-17098

Comment ID: N-17098
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Maurice Cox

Response to Comment N-17098:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17099

Comment ID: N-17099
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish the USMC would expand to the east and leave the Johnson Valley Recreation Area alone.

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture".

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,

Robert Howze

Response to Comment N-17099:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17100

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" A place like this would be impossible to replace. Please look else where to expand the base.

Sincerely,

Nic Pook

Response to Comment N-17100:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17101

Comment ID: N-17101
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

kenneth rivenbark

Response to Comment N-17101:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17102

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To Whom It May Concern:

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For someone who has only ever experienced Johnson Valley through stories, videos and pictures, it is my hope that this location can be left open. I would like to visit and travel this area one day, with my family.

Keep this area open for responsible users.

Tom

Sincerely,

Thomas McCrea

Response to Comment N-17102:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17103

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". I would also like to visit JV again someday.

Sincerely,

Steve Perkins

Response to Comment N-17103:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Diggs

Response to Comment N-17104:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17105

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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PLEASE, PLEASE keep this area open for the off roaders!! We are slowly running out of places to use !!!!

Thanks for reading this!!

Gary Smith

Sincerely,

Gary Smith

Response to Comment N-17105:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17106

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

People in the OHV community aspire to one day have a rig capable of running at Johnson Valley. It is not just any OHV area, it is the top spot. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Amanda Leighty

Response to Comment N-17106:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17107

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". I have promised my son if he keeps his grades up and graduates I will take him to JV. I live in TX so it's a long drive for us. Before this promise he was going in the wrong direction. If they close JV this will crush him and could possibly send him down the wrong road again. I understand the military needs land for training purposes. What I don't understand is why JV? There are millions of square miles of desert not being used for anything in the western part of the US. Why take away land so important to thousands of taxpayers? Please take land that is not being used.

Sincerely,

Aaron Burke

Response to Comment N-17107:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17108

Comment ID: N-17108
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". If we lose Johnson Valley Recreation area we will lose the site of the most iconic and important off road events in our sports history. Johnson Valley represents the ultimate destination for OHV users nationwide for the King of the Hammers off road race as well as the miles of opportunity for recreation.

Sincerely,

Michael Demers

Response to Comment N-17108:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17109

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture." The large "King of the Hammers" race has drawn tens of thousands of people to Johnson Valley, boosting the local economy and making a name for the area. Big sponsors like BF Goodrich, Ford Motor Company, and Goodyear are all involved in this race. It is a time for people with common interests to come together and recreate in a legal and enjoyable space.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-17109:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17110

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-17110:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17111

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. This cannot be allowed to happen. The amount of people that depend on Johnson Valley is very large. Please do not ignore these people and allow their pleas to fall on deaf ears.

DO NOT EXPAND INTO JOHNSON VALLEY! GO EAST MARINES!!!!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-17111:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17112

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.
Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17112:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17113

Comment ID: N-17113
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Please do not insult the intelligence of the OHV community with this "compromise".

Sincerely,

nathan james

Response to Comment N-17113:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17114

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-17114:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17115

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

One proposed idea that the Marines have brought up is Shared use. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. This is a totally unacceptable solution as it not only creates a huge safety liability for the military but it also provides the public no assurance of being able to use land that belongs to them.

Sincerely,
Sanjaya Vatuik

Response to Comment N-17115:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17116

Comment ID: N-17116
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-17116:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17117

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Shared use is not a viable option. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Scott Barfknecht

Response to Comment N-17117:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17118

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The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Blaine Stolpestad

Response to Comment N-17118:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,
dave bolles

Response to Comment N-17119:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-17120:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17121

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Sincerely,

James Mross

Response to Comment N-17121:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17122

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,
Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17122:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. This is not acceptable as public use will clearly be unavailable.

Sincerely,
Jan Wagelaar

Response to Comment N-17123:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Richard White

Response to Comment N-17124:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17125:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Maurice Cox

Response to Comment N-17126:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

nathan james

Response to Comment N-17127:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17128:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. I believe there are probably millions of people who support this decision. Please do not expand into Johnson Valley, and ignore these people.

Do Not Expand into Johnson Valley! GO East Marines! God Bless America!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-17129:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Brett Joiner

Response to Comment N-17130:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17131

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-17131:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17132

Comment ID: N-17132
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley simply is not the proper place for 29 Palms to expand. Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. The current plan will effect too many people, businesses, and communities in a negative way.

Sincerely,

Sanjaya Vatak

Response to Comment N-17132:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Brian Sumner

Response to Comment N-17133:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Chris Dolezal

Response to Comment N-17134:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-17135:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-17136:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-17137:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17138

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-17138:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Michael Demers

Response to Comment N-17139

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17140

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Richard White

Response to Comment N-17140:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17141

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Vally isn't just a place to go out and drive around the desert, it's a place for families, friends, children, and adults.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family oriented" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

People, including myself, go to Johnson Valley to enjoy the solitude and get back to nature, something that's getting harder and harder to do in Southern California. People drive for hours just to spend a weekend there to unwind from their normal lives, and to connect with each other. Closing this area would mean longer drives, and fewer opportunities for parents and their children to experience something that you just cant get in the city.

Sincerely,

Sanjaya Vatuk

Response to Comment N-17141:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17142

Comment ID: N-17142
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. JV is one of a few places families can be together without being around the congested citys. JV is the place for families to be together.

Sincerely,

Rick Chaffins

Response to Comment N-17142:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17143

Comment ID: N-17143
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Please do not allow our society to continue to go down the path it is. Keeping Johnson Valley open will not totally fix the state of our great nation, but closing it down, will only cause more hurt.

Please keep Johnson Valley open. Go East Marines!!!

Sincerely,

Matt Van Oeveren

Response to Comment N-17143:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17144

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Please do not let us lose Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

John V. Casale

Sincerely,

John Casale

Response to Comment N-17144:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17145

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Craig Davis

Response to Comment N-17145

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17146

Comment ID: N-17146
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mills

Response to Comment N-17146:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17147

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. I have been to Johnson Valley once and I plan to return with my family in the future. My two-year old boy watches the King of the Hammers DVDs more than Sesame Street and I promised him I would take him next time. Please consider other options and do not make me break my promise to my son.

Sincerely,

Steven Calvert

Response to Comment N-17147:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17148

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley has been a recreational area since it opened in the early 80's. Generations of families have come to Johnson Valley to spend time together doing the things that they love - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be ended by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Florie

Response to Comment N-17148:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Paul Yacubovich

Response to Comment N-17149:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-17150:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17151

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support the "No Action" alternative. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

The Corps has rigged "the purpose and need section" of this NEPA process to limit the range of alternatives.

The Corps has failed to consider a reasonable range of alternatives analyzed during a NEPA process.

The Corps EIS fails the "rule of reason" test. The "rule of reason" is essentially a reasonableness test that is comparable to the arbitrary and capricious standard.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

The arbitrary screening criteria eliminated a number of viable proposals and alternatives brought forward by the public.

There is Corps Bias Against Integration - On March 26, 2011 Corps spokesman, Captain Nick Mannweiler, told the BLM's Desert Advisory Council that, "What makes the Marine Corps special is that we play really well with each other and not really very well with the other services."

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Travis Perez

Response to Comment N-17151:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kacie Harvey

Response to Comment N-17152:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17153

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Sincerely,

Frank Windust

Response to Comment N-17153:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17154

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Molly Harvey

Response to Comment N-17154:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17155

Comment ID: N-17155
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I grew up off roading in the desert with my family, and I would like to be able to do it with my children and grandchildren. Please don't take that from me.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-17155:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17156

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cody Rash

Response to Comment N-17156:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17157

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan Hofer

Response to Comment N-17157:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17158

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Dolezal

Response to Comment N-17158:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17159

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jane Harvey

Response to Comment N-17159:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17160

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ryan Ray

Response to Comment N-17160:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17161

Comment ID: N-17161
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Our Family has been around the offroad racing world since its conception and have enjoyed many years of Johnson Valley Recreation. It should remain open for future generations.

Sincerely,

Anita Blount

Response to Comment N-17161:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17162

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The importance of Johnson Valley to families in California, Nevada, and all over the country far exceeds the importance this piece of land is to the USMC. There is plenty of land to the east that could be used by the Marines. As much as I appreciate and honor the sacrifice soldiers make for my freedom and the need for training grounds for our military I feel the military's goals can be accomplished without taking family recreation opportunities away from us at Johnson Valley.

Respectfully,

Dennis Reilley

Sincerely,

Dennis Reilley

Response to Comment N-17162:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17163

Comment ID: N-17163
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bridget Leon

Response to Comment N-17163:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17164

Comment ID: N-17164
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to of road and also get out and see nature. It is places like JV that give me that oportunity and make me proud to be an American. Please step up and move the base to the east and save JV. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17164:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17165

Comment ID: N-17165
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Camping in the desert has been a family tradition for me my whole life. It is something I hope to pass on to my children. Please consider expanding east.

Sincerely,

Todd Johnson

Response to Comment N-17165:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17166

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Losing a well used relatively close to a large population center recreational facility would be a shame. The impacts of this, where it will be replaced, and at what cost needs to be included in any analysis of the effects of any proposed expansion plans the Marines will have into Johnson Valley. Even if an alternate is found the costs of acquisition, travel time to the new location versus Johnson Valley and the increased impact of trying to cram a growing population of recreational users onto less and less space needs to be examined.

Sincerely,

Susie Shubin

Response to Comment N-17166:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17167

Comment ID: N-17167
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I myself have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area. Yet this place is still important to me because I know how important it is to the people that live nearby or that travel to get there. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Taking this away would be a real shame. I know that the military needs new training grounds, but please look elsewhere besides Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Peter Anacabe

Response to Comment N-17167:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17168

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Marc Crosina

Response to Comment N-17168:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17169

Comment ID: N-17169
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrington

Response to Comment N-17169:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17170

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17170:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17171

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

TODD JERGENSEN

Response to Comment N-17171:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17172

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Lasher

Response to Comment N-17172:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17173

Comment ID: N-17173
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Growing up in a family centered around car hobbies, going to places like Johnson Valley is a way to bond and become closer. I have not yet been there, but I hope to one day soon with my family. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. If Johnson Valley is lost to the public, it makes it that much more difficult to find somewhere to go to spend time outdoors bonding with your family.

Sincerely,
Amanda Leighty

Response to Comment N-17173:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

John Cappa

Response to Comment N-17174:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I have never been to JV, but it is incorporated into my cross-country dream trip that I would like to share with my wife and young kids. Please consider expanding East instead of West, it would make a lot of Americans very happy!

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

Response to Comment N-17175:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Thanks,
Andrew

Sincerely,

Andrew Grasso

Response to Comment N-17176:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Our Johnson Valley OHV area is an important place for families to spend quality time together. I support the Marines fighting to preserve our liberties and freedoms, however, I am highly against the United States Marines taking my liberty to have a place of recreation.

Sincerely,

Josh Porter

Response to Comment N-17177:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
tobias king

Response to Comment N-17178:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Brendin Townsend

Response to Comment N-17179:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17180:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Please consider not taking any more land from the people you protect and help us protect our land!!

Sincerely,

Shawn Eye

Response to Comment N-17181:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. It would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17182:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17183:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Henry

Response to Comment N-17184:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Don Valdez
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17185:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. I was stationed at 29 Palms for 3 1/2 years. The base is a very large base and we conducted countless DesFirex's and CAX's out there in a safe manner. I do know that all ranges can be in live fire hot at the same time safely. I understand you need to train but there is plenty of room for us all. Please consider going east toward the Lavic Lake / Amboy areas. I currently race and enjoy the Johnson Valley OHV area as well as my entire family. Thank you for defending our freedom and giving us the freedom to enjoy our country. Remember that this is your area as well to enjoy when on leave.

Sincerely,

Ken Bernstein

Response to Comment N-17186:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ehsan Kiani

Response to Comment N-17187:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17188

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17188:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17189:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With myself belonging to the worlds finest warfighters for the last 13 years, I would like to encourage the Marine Corps to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Christian Waara

Response to Comment N-17190:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17191

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why does the government try to ruin every thing that the citizens like? Every time we find something worth doing or having the government comes around the corner like a killjoy and wags its finger to say no. The Marines have no need to expand westward when there is more suitable land to the east. So please,I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

James Mross

Response to Comment N-17191:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17192:

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Comment ID: N-17193

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson

Response to Comment N-17193:

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Comment ID: N-17194

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. I am a 16 year old boy that has grown up learning how to treat this world right, considering it is the only one we have. With many trails closing around the United States, places like Johnson Valley Recreation Area are our last big areas for OHV usage. The closing of the JYRA would be a major loss for everyone. I myself have not yet had the chance to travel to JV and I fear that I never will be able to due to the constant threat against the area. Please consider this as a small wish from a young man that promotes saving the trail and treading lightly. Give me a chance to experience this area!

thanks for reading
David Cox

Sincerely,

David Cox

Response to Comment N-17194:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

God Bless the Marine Corp for all that you do, but please...

GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Jason Aguilar

Response to Comment N-17195 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment

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Response to Comment N-17195 (Page 2 of 2):

(e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17196

Comment ID: N-17196
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Jonathan Yamauchi

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Keith George

Response to Comment N-17197:

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To Whom It May Concern:

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My family spend ever free weekend we have out in Johnson Valley. It would break the hearts of my kids to not be able to continue to spend our weekends out there.

Thanks for all you do. It is because of you that I am able to write this letter and have the freedoms I do.

Mike Johnson

Sincerely,

Mike Johnson

Response to Comment N-17198:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17199:

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Comment ID: N-17200

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Every option should be evaluated for its total impact rather than its ease of accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17200:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17201:

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Comment ID: N-17202

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17202:

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Comment ID: N-17203

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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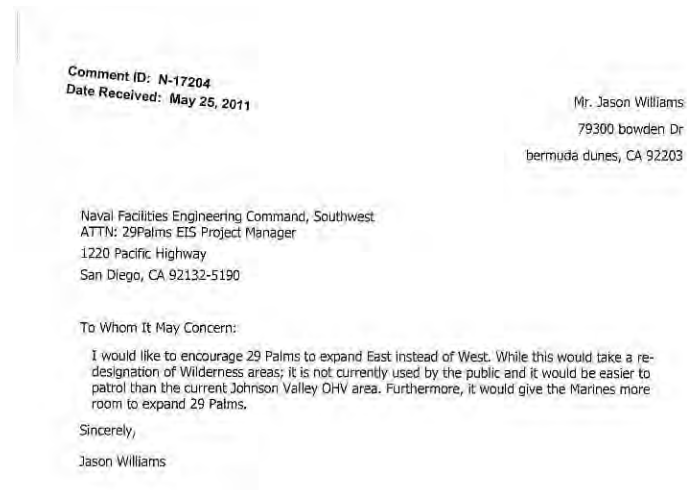
Sincerely,

Chris Garrison

Response to Comment N-17203:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Response to Comment N-17204:

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Comment ID: N-17205

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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There is no reason for the marines to try and acquire this land there's plenty more east and easier to patrol. The average vehicle that can navigate the terrain of Johnson Valley has extensive research and development not to mention more money than the average American could throw at these types of vehicles. Your Humvee's will not last nor fit through half of these so-called trails, not to mention the revenue it brings to the surrounding business owner several times a year.

Sincerely,
christopher ashton

Response to Comment N-17205:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-17206

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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My Family and I have been going to Johnson Valley for many years now. We have family vacations at Johnson Valley (aka The Hammers). It would be a shame if we lost all this land and not be able to enjoy the best four wheeling in the country. I would hope that this letter and many others would encourage the marines to go east and leave our public lands to the public.

Sincerely,
Steve Graff

Response to Comment N-17206:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-17207

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Grant Hullen

Response to Comment N-17207:

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Comment ID: N-17208

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17208:

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Comment ID: N-17209

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Sumner
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Johnson Valley OHV area is used heavily by off-road enthusiasts including myself, my family and many of my friends. Expanding to the west impacts us all and I believe that expanding to the East is the better option and allows us to continue to recreate as we have done for years in the JV OHV area.

Sincerely,
Brian Sumner

Response to Comment N-17209:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17210:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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While I have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area, it is one place I would like to visit in the future with my family. If the expansion goes to the West, this will never happen. It would be a big deal for me to come out there as it would be a cross country trip which would provide revenues to everywhere I stop along the way.

Sincerely,

Michael Medeiros

Response to Comment N-17211:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-17212

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Eddie Orton

Response to Comment N-17212:

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Comment ID: N-17213

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bror Wingard

Response to Comment N-17213:

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Comment ID: N-17214

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Suderno

Response to Comment N-17214:

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Sincerely,

Marlon Trujillo

Response to Comment N-17215:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17216

Comment ID: N-17216
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17216:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17217

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

I think this is a great alternative. Its simple and cheap and all parties involved are happy. Id hate to loose this land because OHV trails are slowly diminishing. We can do better for our citizens and keep places like this open. Thanks,

Sincerely,

Jesse Hash

Response to Comment N-17217:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17218

Comment ID: N-17218
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17218:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17219

Comment ID: N-17219
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. It would be a win-win situation!!

Sincerely,

Shawn Passmore

Response to Comment N-17219:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17220

Comment ID: N-17220
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage the Marines at 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. This would require re-designating an area of wilderness that is not currently being used by the public. It would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Jeff Degnan

Response to Comment N-17220:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17221

Comment ID: N-17221
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,
Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17221:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17222

Comment ID: N-17222
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Brian Dockendorf

Response to Comment N-17222:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17223

Comment ID: N-17223
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Nik Deem

Response to Comment N-17223:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17224

Comment ID: N-17224
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,
Jason Hawkins

Response to Comment N-17224:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17225

Comment ID: N-17225
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

I don't understand why the Marines need OUR area when it is the only place we have to drive our OHV. There are miles and miles of desert they could expand into, but they want our area!

Sincerely,

monte myers

Response to Comment N-17225:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17226

Comment ID: N-17226
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17226:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17227

Comment ID: N-17227
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Jack Cook

Response to Comment N-17227:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17228

Comment ID: N-17228
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

I hope to continue this tradition, please GO EAST!!!!

Respectfully,

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

Response to Comment N-17228:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17229

Comment ID: N-17229
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17229:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17230

Comment ID: N-17230
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17230:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17231

Comment ID: N-17231
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,
Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17231:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17232

Comment ID: N-17232
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Robert Powers

Response to Comment N-17232:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17233

Comment ID: N-17233
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

kacy thompson

Response to Comment N-17233:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17234

Comment ID: N-17234
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17234:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17235

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. With many draws on today's family's to split apart, every opportunity for a family to enjoy time together should be preserved. It has been proven through studies that the more involved a family is together, the more likely the children in that family will grow up to be upstanding citizens and members of the community.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17235:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17236

Comment ID: N-17236
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17236:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-17237

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to off road, it is one of the most positive things I have in my life and a great way for my son and I to bond. with out JV I lose a great spot to enjoy the out doors and my family. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17237:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17238

Comment ID: N-17238
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Luke Graham

Response to Comment N-17238:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17239

Comment ID: N-17239
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is crucial to family bonding and cohesiveness. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

It allows generations to enjoy the outdoors while trailriding and being together. This public land must stay available for the public.

Sincerely,

Paul Myhre

Response to Comment N-17239:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17240

Comment ID: N-17240
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bryan Coleman

Response to Comment N-17240:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17241

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brad Lovell

Response to Comment N-17241:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17242

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years, since I've been with my husband. In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community, families, and anyone else who is into camping, hiking, wheeling, atvs, and anything else the area has to offer.

I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers, all caused by park closures. I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use. These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.

From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east. I beg to you to please strongly look into this option. Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17242:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-17243

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17243:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17244

Comment ID: N-17244
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Family time is extremely important and areas like Johnson Valley make that time much easier.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17244:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17245

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Sincerely,
tobias king

Response to Comment N-17245:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17246

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17246:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17247

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

BRICEN CAGLIERO

Response to Comment N-17247:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17248

Comment ID: N-17248
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17248:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17249

Comment ID: N-17249
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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This fact is truer than ever. We need to maintain outlets/venues like Johnson Valley to remain open for public use well into the future. In the past 30 years numerous areas have closed to OHV use. This is an extreme loss to those who still enjoy the outdoors and all it has to offer. Today's young know very little about the outdoor and its' way of life. We need to acknowledge this and do our part by keeping this area (and many others) open. It's a small plea, for a greater good. Please do your part and keep it open.

Sincerely,
Jesse Hash

Response to Comment N-17249:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17250

Comment ID: N-17250
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17250:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17251

Comment ID: N-17251
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I was hoping to plan a trip to Johnson Valley next year to check it out and go wheeling. Unfortunately, trail areas get closed, and my hobby that my family also enjoys is taken away. There is plenty of land to the East of Johnson Valley that I'm hoping you will realize that using that land instead of Johnson Valley would end up being a great compromise where everyone is happy because the Marines get to build their base and we still get to wheel.

Please reconsider the relocating the planned military base so that many families can continue to enjoy off-roading in Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Janelle Becher

Response to Comment N-17251:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-17252

Comment ID: N-17252
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Greg Adler

Response to Comment N-17252:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17253

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

To many, driving off highway vehicles is a family event. We take our family and friends together to the areas we go. We would like to keep the Johnson Valley open to public use. We would like our children and our children's children to be able to recreate in this area. The money we bring into an area by visiting and staying close by has a positive impact on the near by economies.

Sincerely,

Robert Gill

Response to Comment N-17253:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17254

Comment ID: N-17254
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17254:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17255

Comment ID: N-17255
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17255:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17256

Comment ID: N-17256
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

John Cappa

Response to Comment N-17256:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17257

Comment ID: N-17257
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. There is no way around this issue. The only way is Alternative A. Please consider the public in your decision.

Sincerely,

John Smith

Response to Comment N-17257:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17258

Comment ID: N-17258
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17258:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17259

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17259:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17260

Comment ID: N-17260
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17260:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17261

Comment ID: N-17261
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis, I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

There are other alternatives that have not yet been considered. The possibility of the base being expanded to the East needs to be looked at more closely. Just looking at a map, it appears that there is close to twice the amount of land available East of 29 Palms versus to the West.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Darryl Merrin

Response to Comment N-17261:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17262

Comment ID: N-17262
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17262:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17263

Comment ID: N-17263
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17263:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17264

Comment ID: N-17264
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. Lets keep public lands public.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-17264:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17265

Comment ID: N-17265
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. In view of all the negatives that are presented by this proposed expansion, it would be in the best interest of both the military and the public if this expansion were not to take place.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17265:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17266

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17266:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17267

Comment ID: N-17267
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17267:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17268

Comment ID: N-17268
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17268:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17269

Comment ID: N-17269
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17269:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17270

Comment ID: N-17270
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

tobias king

Response to Comment N-17270:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17271

Comment ID: N-17271
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17271:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17272

Comment ID: N-17272
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,
Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17272:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17273

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17273:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17274

Comment ID: N-17274
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17274:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17275

Comment ID: N-17275
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Frank Golembieski

Response to Comment N-17275:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17276

Comment ID: N-17276
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine please take the time to consider all of your options before expanding into Johnson Valley. It should be your last choice only if NONE of the other alternatives are possible. If there is a cost savings in expanding West, consider the loss of income and negative economic impact and realize that there is no real savings in going West. Any additional cost or effort to expand other than West would be in the best interest of everyone involved. I want to believe that the administration would encourage alternatives that would retain the popular support of my Corps by the public!

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17276:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17277

Comment ID: N-17277
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17277:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17278

Comment ID: N-17278
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17278:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17279

Comment ID: N-17279
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Not to mention the economical affect that closing this OHV area will have on the local economies.

Sincerely,

John Cappa

Response to Comment N-17279:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17280

Comment ID: N-17280
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". We have family that are currently serving in the marine corp that use this area as much as we do for offroading when on leave. Please reconsider!
chris

Sincerely,

chris bauer

Response to Comment N-17280:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17281

Comment ID: N-17281
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Shaun Bootsma
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17281:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17282

Comment ID: N-17282
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17282:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17283

Comment ID: N-17283
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Andrew Grasso

Response to Comment N-17283:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17284

Comment ID: N-17284
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to off road, it is one of the most positive things I have in my life and a great way for my son and I to bond. With out JV I lose a great spot to enjoy the out doors and my family. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17284:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17285

Comment ID: N-17285
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture".

Off-roading to many such as myself is more than just driving. Its about the experience, time spent with friends and a way to relax and enjoy the great country we have here in the US! If you outlaw wheeling, only outlaws will wheel!

Sincerely,

Bo Hatfield

Response to Comment N-17285:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17286

Comment ID: N-17286
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not
realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17286:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17287

Comment ID: N-17287
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Henry
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Although I have not had the opportunity to visit Johnson Valley myself, I know the value to all OHV users.

Sincerely,

Jason Henry

Response to Comment N-17287:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17288

Comment ID: N-17288
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". This is a very important area that needs to stay open for public use.

Sincerely,

Joshua bernadas

Response to Comment N-17288:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17289

Comment ID: N-17289
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tony Bosso
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture".

My kids want to be able to enjoy this area of our country just as I have.

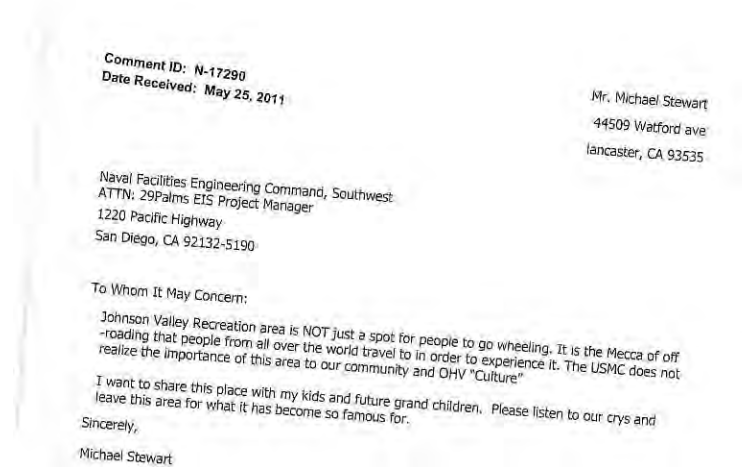
Sincerely,

Tony Bosso

Response to Comment N-17289:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17290



Response to Comment N-17290:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17291

Comment ID: N-17291
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler Gowans
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17291:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17292

Comment ID: N-17292
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Christian Waara

Response to Comment N-17292:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17293

Comment ID: N-17293
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Oliva
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" to lose this area would devastate the sport and business and severely impact families and businesses alike.

Sincerely,
Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-17293:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17294

Comment ID: N-17294
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" I am a 16 year old boy that has grown up learning how to treat this world right, considering it is the only one we have. One of the most important rules my father(Avid four wheeler!)has taught me is to tread lightly and to leave the trail better than you when you arrive(as in cleaning trash, blocking off illegal spurs, removing downed logs from the road, etc.). With many trails closing around the United States, places like Johnson Valley Recreation Area are the largest targets for people who don't think we are doing a good enough job preserving the earth. The closer of the Jvra would be a major loss for everyone. I myself have not yet had the chance to travel to JV and I fear that I never will be able to due to the constant threat against the area. Please consider this as a small wish from a young man that promotes saving the trail and treading lightly. Give me a chance to experience this area!

thanks for reading
David Cox

Sincerely,

David Cox

Response to Comment N-17294:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17295

Comment ID: N-17295
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not
realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

walter gillum

Response to Comment N-17295:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17296

Comment ID: N-17296
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Johnson Valley has so much importance to tens of thousands of people. The number of people that travel from all over the world just to see an event that would never be the same anywhere else is epic.

Please think of all this will effect before making your decision.

Sincerely,

Kelly Painter

Response to Comment N-17296:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17297

Comment ID: N-17297
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". We want to be able to continue to explore in a responsible way.

Sincerely,

Colby Hunt

Response to Comment N-17297:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17298

Comment ID: N-17298
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the president of a 4x4 club and an avid off road enthusiast. I am concerned with the plan to expand 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley Recreation area. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". In my mind, it is the most important area we have, and is saddens me to think that we may lose it. Please reconsider your plans to take this region away from the very people that support you. It would be a terrible blow to the off-roading community.

Sincerely,
Dan Hofer

Response to Comment N-17298:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17299

Comment ID: N-17299
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Even though I live across the country from Johnson Valley and have yet to visit this magnificent location, the preservation of OHV recreation access is very important to me. The unique geography of the area is not accessible anywhere else on public lands, and is a center of development for our sport. Many innovative new products, technologies, and companies have been inspired by challenges encountered at the JV OHV lands. Let's not forget that the greatest offroad race in the world is held in Johnson Valley every year: The King of the Hammers. For this event, thousands of people travel thousands of miles to enjoy the unique opportunity to responsibly recreate at the Hammers trails. Please select a Marine expansion alternative that meets the military's needs while preserving public OHV access to the Hammers trails. Public lands were created to allow everyone across this great country an opportunity to experience what nature has to offer. Please respect the spirit of the designation and keep public lands public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James Busch

Response to Comment N-17299:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17300

Comment ID: N-17300
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,
Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17300:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17301

Comment ID: N-17301
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tom Cuthbertson

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

tom Cuthbertson

Response to Comment N-17301:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17302

Comment ID: N-17302
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I live in PA, and dream of visiting this wonderful ORV area. Please expand East!!!

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

Response to Comment N-17302:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17303

Comment ID: N-17303
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Donald Nywening
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". To claim this land for military use would be to destroy a large and growing recreational community.

Sincerely,

Donald Nywening

Response to Comment N-17303:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17304

Comment ID: N-17304
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Greg Frantz
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Greg Frantz

Response to Comment N-17304:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17305

Comment ID: N-17305
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

kacy thompson

Response to Comment N-17305:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17306

Comment ID: N-17306
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-road riding that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". I take my family out almost every weekend to go out and play in the dirt and on the hammers. please don't take away our family off road riding experience.

Sincerely,

Dameon Riggs

Response to Comment N-17306:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17307

Comment ID: N-17307
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healty activity as well as the study of engineering and math. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17307:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17308

Comment ID: N-17308
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Blain
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Many people flow into the area and bring with them disposable income that is spent bettering the community around Johnson Valley. People plan trips to this area years in advance and look forward to enjoying one of the best areas of the country for OHV use.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17308:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17309

Comment ID: N-17309
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kyle Irvin
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

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Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17309:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17310

Comment ID: N-17310
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-17310:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17311

Comment ID: N-17311
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Hawkins

Response to Comment N-17311:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17312

Comment ID: N-17312
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17312:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17313

Comment ID: N-17313
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community, small businesses, and OHV "Culture".

Sincerely,

Farrell White

Response to Comment N-17313:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17314

Comment ID: N-17314
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jon Graham
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Sincerely,

Jon Graham

Response to Comment N-17314:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17315

Comment ID: N-17315
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Ben Small

Response to Comment N-17315:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17316

Comment ID: N-17316
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Sam Visger
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" as a whole. This area is critical to off roading and the economy of the surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17316:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17317

Comment ID: N-17317
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dave Storm
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Ventura, CA 93003

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Not only do I want to keep Johnson Valley open for my use, but for that of future generations as well.

Sincerely,

Dave Storm

Response to Comment N-17317:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17318

Comment ID: N-17318
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Branton Porter
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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Branton Porter

Response to Comment N-17318:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17319

Comment ID: N-17319
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Grant Hullen

Response to Comment N-17319:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". I myself drove over 1,300 miles and spent nearly \$3,000 just to visit and experience this area.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17320:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brendin Townsend

Response to Comment N-17321:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17322

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17322:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17323

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17323:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17324

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
James Leach

Response to Comment N-17324:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17325

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Sir,

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture".

Outdoor recreation areas are shrinking as more land is consumed by urban growth and expansion of "off-limits" areas. Johnson Valley is a unique and valuable resource for public recreation, and needs to be preserved for that purpose. It also provides a perfect buffer between the Marine base and the encroaching urbanization of the high desert.

Sincerely,
J. Kaupke
Villa Park, CA

Sincerely,
Jeff Kaupke

Response to Comment N-17325:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17326

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". It also is a host to so many great family outings and should be kept as a public treasure, thank you.

Sincerely,

JON CAGLIERO

Response to Comment N-17326:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Ron Brown

Response to Comment N-17327:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,
walter gillum

Response to Comment N-17328:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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This is also a place that my family goes to to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life! We spend our holidays together out there (including Christmas)!

Sincerely,

Christopher Midkiff

Response to Comment N-17329:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17330

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17330:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17331

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Darrell VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17331:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17332:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17333

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17333:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-17334

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17334:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17335:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17336:

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Comment ID: N-17337

Comment ID: N-17337
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

When thinking of a place to go off roading there is no other location that is higher on my list than Johnson Valley and I would venture to guess that this is true for thousands of folks that love OHV activities. Taking this place that so many people have grown to love would be devastating to not only Southern California but to the world, just research how many countries come out to participate in the KOH race...

Sincerely,

Michael Stewart

Response to Comment N-17337:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17338:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-17339
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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world, it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17339 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17339 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-17339 (Page 2 of 2):

As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17340

Comment ID: N-17340
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. These families count on this area for their enjoyment. Surely the USMC can make use of land elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Donald Nywening

Response to Comment N-17340:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17341

Comment ID: N-17341
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healty activity as well as the study of engineering and math. OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern Califorria where these activities are a blg part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17341:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17342

Comment ID: N-17342
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

DHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. There are many people who use this area as an affordable means of vacation that will not be able to travel to alternate locations for recreation. These people need consideration in the decision to eliminate their ability to use Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17342:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17343

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17343:

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Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17344

Comment ID: N-17344
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17344:

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Comment ID: N-17345

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

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Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17346:

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Sam Visger

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Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17350:

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17351:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am very concerned about the lack of planning for public use lands. What would be the planned alternative for public use lands? would those lands have the same flexibility for public use?
I fully support our military, but our tax dollars are paid in for more than military support.
Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Terry Kenyon

Response to Comment N-17352:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion....go east, go north, go south...DONT GO WEST

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Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

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Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17361:

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The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Without justification of need, military expansion serves no purpose. Many alternatives are available rather than expanding the base into an area that is used by so many people for recreation.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17362:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17363:

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Sincerely,

Nik Deem

Response to Comment N-17364:

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Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17366:

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Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17367:

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. The passing of ones love for the outdoors down to future generations can only occur, if one can take them outdoors! the more land that OHV loses to closures, the more opportunities we lose to teach the next generation about respecting the land while enjoying it.

Sincerely,

Shawn Passmore

Response to Comment N-17368:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Chris Gage

Response to Comment N-17370:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17371:

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17372 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. In the interest of fiscal responsibility, the USMC should utilize existing facilities.

Sincerely,

Donald Nywening

Response to Comment N-17375:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,
Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17376:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. The expense to expand 29 Palms into Johnson Valley may be better spent upgrading the existing facilities at Fort Irwin to accommodate the training.

Sincerely,
Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17377:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. So instead of looking into these aspects further should it be right that they can just expand into a new area?

Sincerely,

Bryan Coleman

Response to Comment N-17379:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years, since I've been with my husband. In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community, families, and anyone else who is into camping, hiking, wheeling, atvs, and anything else the area has to offer.

I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers, all caused by park closures.

I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use. These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.

From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east. I beg to you to please strongly look into this option. Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17380 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Response to Comment N-17380 (Page 2 of 2):

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17381:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17385:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17386

Comment ID: N-17386
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

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Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17386:

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Comment ID: N-17387

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryan Coleman

Response to Comment N-17387:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17388

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tracy Hylton

Response to Comment N-17388:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17389

Comment ID: N-17389
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not
realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Darren Schaefer

Response to Comment N-17389:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17390

Comment ID: N-17390
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Jokton Streatly

Response to Comment N-17390:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17391

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Dockendorf

Response to Comment N-17391:

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Comment ID: N-17392

Comment ID: N-17392
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17392:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17393

Comment ID: N-17393
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17393:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17394

Comment ID: N-17394
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This area is not just a patch of the desert to the off road community, This has become a wealth of commerce, community, entertainment and advertizing. The events that happen on this ground every year have better coverage then the BAJA 1000. This event at Johnson Valley the King of the Hammers race has sparked events across the country. From the LCQ at Johnson Valley to the RCQ at Rausch Creek in Pennsylvania everybody has grown with the event.
This ground is irreplaceable to the off road community not only as a place to legally use OHV's but this is a historic and world-renowned trail system.
Please don't take Johnson Valley from the OHV and Off road community.

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Frank Golembieski

Response to Comment N-17394:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17395

Comment ID: N-17395
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cliff Goodrich

Response to Comment N-17395:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17396

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17396:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-17397

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17397:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17398

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Clifford Volz

Response to Comment N-17398:

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Comment ID: N-17399

Comment ID: N-17399
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

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Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17399:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17400

Comment ID: N-17400
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17400:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17401

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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion....go east, go north, go south...DON'T GO WEST

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Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17401:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17402

Comment ID: N-17402
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17402:

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Comment ID: N-17403

Comment ID: N-17403
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Darrell VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17403:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17404

Comment ID: N-17404
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

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Comment ID: N-17405

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17405:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-17406

Comment ID: N-17406
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17406:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-17407

Comment ID: N-17407
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17407:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

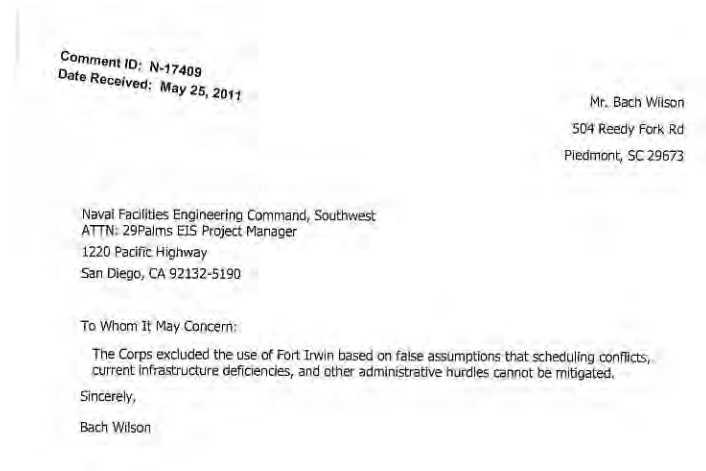
The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. I believe these hurdles can be resolved without closing Johnson Valley and taking away something the public enjoys so much.

Sincerely,
Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17408:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Response to Comment N-17409:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

There is also the Yakima training center that is over 200,000 acres the military already possesses. The Yakima training center is barely used. Why not incorporate it into future training and leave the OHV areas open to the public. Our government has enough land that it hordes for itself. Why not let the tax payer enjoy some of the lands we have been paying for over the last decades. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Jesse Hash

Response to Comment N-17410:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17411:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17412:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Good Morning,
I'm writing to urge you to keep the Johnson Valley OHV open for public OHV use. This area is very important to the off roading community. Thousands of people use this area to enjoy nature with their families. Usually, our riding areas are shut down by our usual enemies, the environmentalists. It is particularly galling to have to square off with the Marine Corps, an organization we love and respect.
The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.
In this time of government downsizing, this is not the time to expand the size of any base, much less impinge on the land use of citizens who are almost always employed taxpayers.
Please reconsider your plans on shutting down our riding area.
Sincerely,

Colin H. Packer

Sincerely,

Colin Packer

Response to Comment N-17413:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.
Please allow me to share this wonderful destination with my children so they can share it with their children when the day comes.

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

Response to Comment N-17415:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Jack Cook

Response to Comment N-17416:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17417:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17418:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Off-roading to many such as myself is more than just driving. Its about the experience, time spent with friends and a way to relax and enjoy the great country we have here in the US! If you outlaw wheeling, only outlaws will wheel!

Sincerely,

Bo Hatfield

Response to Comment N-17419:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Please keep the trails open so my family can keep goinf back. We have been using the trails for years.

Sincerely,
John Ruiz

Response to Comment N-17420:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17421:

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17422:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17423:

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Comment ID: N-17424

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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For me personally I have only watched events at the Johnson Valley OHV area. I would love to have the opportunity to actual 4 wheel in the area, when I get a vehicle that is more capable. The idea of closing this for the reason of expanding a military site just makes ill. Please consider this letter in the decision that may take this wonderful area away from many off road enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

Brandon Tippetts

Response to Comment N-17424:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17425

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thanks for reading
David Cox

Sincerely,

David Cox

Response to Comment N-17425:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17426

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Sincerely,

Robert Powers

Response to Comment N-17426:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,
Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17427 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Response to Comment N-17427 (Page 2 of 2):

As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17428

Comment ID: N-17428
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected. As a PA resident I have seen what happens when OHV areas are shut down. People can not enjoy what they work so hard to build when our areas are taken. When Paragon was closed many took to offroading where they didn't belong and this only causes more problems. Leave JV operate as it is, because it is truly the best thing in offroading right now.

Sincerely,
Jason Ross

Response to Comment N-17428:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17429

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Suderno

Response to Comment N-17429:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,
Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17430:

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Comment ID: N-17431

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Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17431:

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Comment ID: N-17432
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years, since I've been with my husband. In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community, families, and anyone else who is into camping, hiking, wheeling, atvs, and anything else the area has to offer. I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers, all caused by park closures. I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use. These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures. From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east. I beg to you to please strongly look into this option. Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,
Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17432 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final

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Response to Comment N-17432 (Page 2 of 2):

decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17433

Comment ID: N-17433
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to off road, it is one of the most positive things I have in my life and a great way for my son and I to bond. With out JV I lose a great spot to enjoy the out doors and my family. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17433:

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17434:

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Comment ID: N-17435

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Date Received: May 26, 2011

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Sincerely,
Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17435:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17436

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17436:

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Comment ID: N-17437

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have not yet had the pleasure of traveling to JV, but I plan to in the near future and would hate to see it close before I had a chance. I also feel that being able to explore the outdoors by any mode is important. If we can't explore these areas there is so much we are missing out on. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,
Colby Hunt

Response to Comment N-17437:

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Comment ID: N-17438

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

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Comment ID: N-17439

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

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Comment ID: N-17440

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17440:

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Comment ID: N-17441

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17441:

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Comment ID: N-17442

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To Whom It May Concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17442:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17443

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

MICHELÀ CAGLIERO

Response to Comment N-17443:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17444

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Suderno

Response to Comment N-17444:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17445

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If you have ever been to JV during an event you will see 50,000+ people in trailers who have come from everywhere, some even have flown from places as far as Japan and Australia for this. They could be anywhere in the world, but their destination of choice is this patch of desert. This is the culture that would be destroyed by moving military training operations into this area.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Knaus

Response to Comment N-17445:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17446

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17446:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. In fact, many servicemen that are friends and acquaintances of mine are also OHV enthusiasts. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Taylor

Response to Comment N-17447:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,
Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17448:

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Sincerely,

Brian Dockendorf

Response to Comment N-17449:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Darren Schaefer

Response to Comment N-17450:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Bryan Coleman

Response to Comment N-17451:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17452

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

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Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17452:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17453:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17454

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17454:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jack Cook

Response to Comment N-17455:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Please expand EAST instead of WEST, which would be best for all parties involved.

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

Response to Comment N-17456:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17457

Comment ID: N-17457
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17457:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17458

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Off-roading to many such as myself is more than just driving. Its about the experience, time spent with friends and a way to relax and enjoy the great country we have here in the US! If you outlaw wheeling, only outlaws will wheel!

Sincerely,

Bo Hatfield

Response to Comment N-17458:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17459

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Sincerely,

John Smith

Response to Comment N-17459:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17460

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andrew Grasso

Response to Comment N-17460:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Please understand where we are coming from and how much this place means to us. I really hope that we can come up with a solution that make everyone happy and gives the marine what they need.

Sincerely,

Michael Stewart

Response to Comment N-17461:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17462

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Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17462:

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Comment ID: N-17463

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17463:

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Comment ID: N-17464

C: Comment ID: N-17464
D: Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

James Powell

Response to Comment N-17464:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17465

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17465:

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Comment ID: N-17466
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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. It would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture." With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17466 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17466 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-17466 (Page 2 of 2):

As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-17467

Comment ID: N-17467
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17467:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17468

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healty activity as well as the study of engineering and math. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17468:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. The military has proven itself time and time again to not be an effective entity at sharing. Once the military is given control of Johnson Valley, some form of security risk, or safety risk will be assessed that will eliminate the public's access to this area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17469:

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

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Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17470:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Branton Porter

Response to Comment N-17471:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17472

Comment ID: N-17472
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. Working on my OHV has helped keep my attention focused and kept me out of trouble. If I didnt have my vehicle to work on, I could have ended up in trouble with drugs or alcohol like many of my friends did. It is an important part of my life and if the places to use OHV's are taken away, I will have little positives in my life to focus on. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17472:

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Sincerely,

gary ferravanti

Response to Comment N-17473:

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Sincerely,

Ben Small

Response to Comment N-17474:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17475

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17475:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17476

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I know on an individual level, many Marines are avid off-roaders and appreciate the need for open land on which to recreate.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17476:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17477:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

shawn moore

Response to Comment N-17478:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brad Lovell

Response to Comment N-17479:

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Sincerely,

Robert Peters

Response to Comment N-17480:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17481

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Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17481:

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Comment ID: N-17482

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17482:

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Comment ID: N-17483

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Sincerely,
Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17483:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17484

Comment ID: N-17484
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healty activity as well as the study of engineering and math. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17484:

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Comment ID: N-17485

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alec Whittington

Response to Comment N-17485:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Josh

Sincerely,

Josua Scanlon

Response to Comment N-17486:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17487

Comment ID: N-17487
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Andrew Grasso

Response to Comment N-17487:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17488

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Werner Fischer

Response to Comment N-17488:

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Comment ID: N-17489

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17489:

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Comment ID: N-17490

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17490:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17491

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

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Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17491:

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Comment ID: N-17492

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Dr Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,
Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-17492:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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C: Comment ID: N-17493
D: Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chris Gage

Response to Comment N-17493:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Shawn Lyth

Response to Comment N-17494:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17495:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17496:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. With the Military's constant training, availability to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis. This will leave Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Farrell White

Response to Comment N-17497:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Dave Storm

Response to Comment N-17498:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. We all know how the government works, this would be no surprise.

Sincerely,
Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17499:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17500:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17501:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17502

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17502:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17503:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17504

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. People travel from great distances to use Johnson Valley and attend events there. Local shops and business will suffer if the park is closed

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17504:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

SAMANTHA CAGLIERO

Response to Comment N-17505:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17506

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Many small businesses and family owned stores would be financially devastated by this closure. DON'T DO IT!

Sincerely,

mike VORNDRAN

Response to Comment N-17506:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17507

Comment ID: N-17507
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Suderno
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Being from the desert it would take money out of my pocket. please dont close johnson valley ohv area.

Sincerely,

joshua suderno

Response to Comment N-17507:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17508

Comment ID: N-17508
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17508:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
My family has been enjoying Johnson Valley for several years and would be crushed to see it go away!!!! We even spend Christmas out there together!
Please don't take it away!!!

Sincerely,

Jana Hurwit

Response to Comment N-17509:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17510

Comment ID: N-17510
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17510:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17511

Comment ID: N-17511
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dona VanWormer
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
Not only would it wreck the local economy, but it would also ruin my family vacations, and holidays! We are out there at least twice a month from October to June!

Sincerely,

Dona VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17511:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17512

Comment ID: N-17512
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Midkiff
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Christopher Midkiff

Response to Comment N-17512:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17513

Comment ID: N-17513
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Shawn Passmore
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. This is an impact that affects multiple lives, probably including a lot of the Marines on your base!

Sincerely,

Shawn Passmore

Response to Comment N-17513:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17514

Comment ID: N-17514
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Local business build and expand on the back of the off road community. When land access is no longer granted these business will no longer be bringing in the same monthly income. This will intern cause bankruptcy, unemployment. Neighboring towns will suffer, gas stations, hotels, auto parts stores, restaurants, and entertainment. Taking this land will not just ruin the weekend of a few OHV enthusiast but will have a negative impact to the locals that have built a business in the area they love. Please consider other options then to remove this land from the public.

Sincerely,

Frank Golembieski

Response to Comment N-17514:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17515

Comment ID: N-17515
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Degnan
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. We enjoy patronizing the local businesses because we understand they need our business. If the OHV areas are slashed they will be devastated.

Sincerely,

Jeff Degnan

Response to Comment N-17515:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17516

Comment ID: N-17516
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Dresselhaus
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Each trip we go to Johnson Valley we spend hundreds of dollars in the local economy. With a 2-4 trips a year just with our family they are will be losing business.

Sincerely,

Matt Dresselhaus

Response to Comment N-17516:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17517

Comment ID: N-17517
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
The off-road industry would have a significant negative impact due to the closing of this popular area including loss of many jobs.

Sincerely,
Greg Adler

Response to Comment N-17517:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17518

Comment ID: N-17518
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Ian Koentges

Response to Comment N-17518:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17519

Comment ID: N-17519
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Brian Sumner
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would severely impact the local economy. I recreate in Johnson Valley every year and spend money on food, gas and lodging in the nearby towns. If the ability to recreate in JV goes away, sadly so does my money spent in the local economy as I would not make the drive there anymore.

Sincerely,

Brian Sumner

Response to Comment N-17519:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17520

Comment ID: N-17520
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17520:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17521

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The people who use the area for recreation, leave many of their dollars there with them.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17521:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17522

Comment ID: N-17522
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy which thrives on the thousands of off-road enthusiasts that come to the area. These people buy food, auto parts, and various other supplies that help the local businesses and the worker at these businesses stay afloat.

Sincerely,
Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17522:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17523

Comment ID: N-17523
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. WE GET OUR PARTS FOOD GAS YOU NAME IT ...

Sincerely,

Tobias King

Response to Comment N-17523:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17524

Comment ID: N-17524
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Johnson Valley is a hub for out door enthusiast that participate in a variety activities ranging from camping, hiking, exploring, boy scout trips, motorcycle riding, rock crawling, score racing and many other forms as well. Not only will the local economy take a major hit because many people purchase fuel, supplies, car repair, lodging, food, water, equipment, motorcycle repair and numerous other products and services; but the sub economy that supports all of these people will suffer as well.

I participate in motorcycle riding in the Johnson Valley area about 15-20 times a year. So far I have purchased a motorcycle in order to ride there (approx. \$12,000) But each trip cost me about \$300 for fuel, food and supplies. Not to mention my race fees if I am racing there that particular weekend. On top of that I spend about \$2000 a year to maintain my bike and another \$1000 a year to maintain my vehicle to travel back and forth from there. And the memories that I have gathered from there over the years is priceless. Please refrain from expanding the military base so the local economy, and the numerous other businesses that support these various activities do not plummet. Also to preserve this land for future generations of the public to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Andrew Jolley

Sincerely,
Andrew Jolley

Response to Comment N-17524:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17525

Comment ID: N-17525
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I travel from NM at least three times a year to Johnson Valley in order to enjoy the famous trail system known as "The Hammers". While I purchase fuel, and essentials in order to make it to the Southern California area, I make sure to support the locals when I get there. This includes fuel, food, firewood, and beverages when I get into either Barstow, or Lucerne. I know many of my friends have share the same thought process.. Support the local economy as you would want others to support your local economy.
If the area is closed that would bring significantly less income into the afore mentioned towns. For the KOH race itself I know that just my self and 15 other friends spent hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars on supplies in the area... That was only one trip.
Please reconsider moving West for the sake of many people, but more specifically the locals and thier families.

Thank you.
Brian Calhoun

Sincerely,

Brian Calhoun

Response to Comment N-17525:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-17526

Comment ID: N-17526
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17526:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17527

Comment ID: N-17527
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17527:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Comment ID: N-17528

Comment ID: N-17528
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17528:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17529

Comment ID: N-17529
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Greg Frantz

Response to Comment N-17529:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17530

Comment ID: N-17530
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jason Hawkins

Response to Comment N-17530:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17531

Comment ID: N-17531
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion....go east, go north, go south...DON'T GO WEST

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West Into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17531:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17532

Comment ID: N-17532
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. If it were not for the "Hammers" trails chances are that I would not ever pass through the area. My last trip alone I spent \$475 on fuel, \$100 on food, \$50 at a machine shop, \$40 at a parts store. That is \$665 for one person alone I contributed to the small town not including the other 20-25 people that were there with us. Also keep in mind that this was only one trip and a few days. We make many trips there each year, and the 4 wheeling/racing community spends a very large amount of money there each year boosting the local economy. There is a small town in Kentucky that was a dying mining town, the offroad community almost single handedly revived and maintains their income to this day. That town embraces us as this local area does, please keep the Marines out so we can enjoy this PUBLIC LAND and the community can continue to see revenue from us as well.

Sincerely,

Nick Nelson

Response to Comment N-17532:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17533

Comment ID: N-17533
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Darren Schaefer

Response to Comment N-17533:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17534

Comment ID: N-17534
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Nik Deem

Response to Comment N-17534:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17535

Comment ID: N-17535
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17535:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17536

Comment ID: N-17536
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Every time I stop for gas, food, bathrooms, etc. I spend money. Apple Valley, Lucern gets about 1000 dollars per year from my family and I. If Johnson Valley were to close, these businesses would lose all of this money.

Sincerely,

monte myers

Response to Comment N-17536:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17537

Comment ID: N-17537
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17537:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17538

Comment ID: N-17538
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17538:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17539

Comment ID: N-17539
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jack Cook

Response to Comment N-17539:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17540

Comment ID: N-17540
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17540:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17541

Comment ID: N-17541
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Please help us avoid losing yet another great wheeling area by expanding EAST instead of WEST!!!

Thank you for all that you do for this country,

Respectfully-

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

Response to Comment N-17541:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-17542

Comment ID: N-17542
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Werner Fischer

Response to Comment N-17542:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17543

Comment ID: N-17543
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done before any further ohv opportunities are taken away.

Sincerely,
anthony bruccheri

Response to Comment N-17543:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17544

Comment ID: N-17544
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17544:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17545

Comment ID: N-17545
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17545:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17546

Comment ID: N-17546
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Darek Connole

Response to Comment N-17546:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17547

Comment ID: N-17547
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jeff Clark

Response to Comment N-17547:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17548

Comment ID: N-17548
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Ehsan Kiani

Response to Comment N-17548:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17549

Comment ID: N-17549
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Andrew Grasso

Response to Comment N-17549:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17550

Comment ID: N-17550
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17550:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17551

Comment ID: N-17551
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I think it is important to note, that you will not find a group of people that support the Marine Corps more than off-roaders. But, you will not hurt any group more if you move west into Johnson Valley. We love that land. We take care of it, and the economy.

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Expand East. It will work for your needs, and will not ruin peoples lives. An expansion west will!

Sincerely,

David Buchberger

Response to Comment N-17551:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17552

Comment ID: N-17552
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I myself have seen this as my business, and some of my friends business failed as a direct result of our local OHV area being closed.

Sincerely,

aaron henry

Response to Comment N-17552:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17553

Comment ID: N-17553
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. It would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17553:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17554

Comment ID: N-17554
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Please do not let this happen!

Sincerely,

Joseph Edmondson

Response to Comment N-17554:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17555

Comment ID: N-17555
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Not only during the KOH race, but throughout the year, off-highway recreation brings thousands of users to the area - stimulating the local economy. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Michael Stewart

Response to Comment N-17555:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17556

Comment ID: N-17556
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Brandon Tippetts

Response to Comment N-17556:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17557

Comment ID: N-17557
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Not only crush the local economy but even those that depend on mail order and Internet sales. In this day and age every bit of business that can be produced should be produced. To many companies are in financial trouble and this closure would cause even more to suffer

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-17557:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17558

Comment ID: N-17558
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17558:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17559

Comment ID: N-17559
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Stewart
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

The local families would be devastated.

Sincerely,

Michael Stewart

Response to Comment N-17559:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17560

Comment ID: N-17560
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Johnson Valley OHV area bring money into the local community's through multiple facets: Fuel, Food, Auto Parts, and so on

Sincerely,

Ken Bernstein

Response to Comment N-17560:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17561

Comment ID: N-17561
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17561:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17562

Comment ID: N-17562
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is an extremely important area for the industry. If we were to lose this land due to an expansion of the base, we would lose an OHV area equally important to the industry as Moab, UT. The marines can expand to the east and effectively make the issue disappear.

Thank You for listening.

Sincerely,

Ian Koentges

Response to Comment N-17562:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17563

Comment ID: N-17563
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17563:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17564

Comment ID: N-17564
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Grant Hullen

Response to Comment N-17564:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17565

Comment ID: N-17565
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Branton Porter

Response to Comment N-17565:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17566

Comment ID: N-17566
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Ben Small

Response to Comment N-17566:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17567

Comment ID: N-17567
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

gary ferravanti

Response to Comment N-17567:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17568

Comment ID: N-17568
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.as write this letter i am worried one of the destinations i have been trying to get my rig ready for is in danger. with all the open space not available for OHV it does not seem pratical to close land to the public. please consider changing the expansion to another location. thank you

Sincerely,

tobias king

Response to Comment N-17568:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17569

Comment ID: N-17569
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The loss of this OHV area would be a great detriment to the OHV community. Not only is this area home to one of the most well known off-road events in the country but it provides an area for OHV enthusiasts, such as myself, to enjoy the sport that we all love. The size and use of this area is so broad that its closing would force many OHVer's to go elsewhere and overcrowd surrounding trails and associated facilities.

Overcrowding leads to an accelerated rate of erosion and wear on the land. Not only that but no other place available for OHV use offers the terrain and/or challenges that the Johnson Valley OHV area does. The loss of this area would quite literally put several OHV related business's in serious jeopardy of going under. The off-road event "King of the Hammers" is an event that many plan their entire year around and if it were no longer able to occur then the OHV support would disappear from this area.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

David Bongiovanni

Response to Comment N-17569:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the reduction in availability of OHV land would cause significant impacts to recreation under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The analyses presented in the EIS acknowledge and discuss the impacts that reduced recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage and potential overcrowding in other areas, as well as related impacts to other environmental resources.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17570

Comment ID: N-17570
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. We just can't keep shutting down trail systems. The offroad community needs legal places to wheel.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Blackwell

Response to Comment N-17570:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17571

Comment ID: N-17571
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Greg Frantz

Response to Comment N-17571:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17572

Comment ID: N-17572
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer. I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures. I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures. From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17572:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-17573:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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I have yet to make it to Johnson Valley and do not want to miss out on some of the greatest times I will spend with my family. Please keep trails open!

Sincerely,

Luke Graham

Response to Comment N-17574:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Sincerely,
Brad Sleik

Response to Comment N-17575:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17576:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17577

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17577:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-17578

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

The OHV community is a large portion of the population that uses this area. With limited numbers of areas that are legal for use, removing yet another one of those areas will reduce the accessibility of legal areas to use. This will cause the organized OHV community to seek other areas of recreation that will shift revenues to a different location, in turn hurting the local economy. There will most likely be an increase in those that will illegally use lands that are not slated for OHV use. While the organized OHV community does not condone this behavior, and removes the privileges of those that are found engaging in such acts, there are people that use Johnson Valley that are not part of organized clubs that have no scruples about using illegal places if the legal areas are shut down. The OHV community is seeking to keep Johnson Valley accessible so that it will be able to persuade more people to become part of the organized OHV community encouraging proper care of the land that is used for OHV recreation.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17578:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-17579

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healty activity as well as the study of engineering and math. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17579:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17580

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brad Lovell

Response to Comment N-17580:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17581

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Sincerely,

Nik Deem

Response to Comment N-17581:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17582

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Shawn Lyth

Response to Comment N-17582:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-17583

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Plavney

Response to Comment N-17583:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17584

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Please do not close this area to OHV use.

Thanks,
Perry Kirby

Sincerely,
Perry Kirby

Response to Comment N-17584:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17585 (Page 1 of 2)

Comment ID: N-17585
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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. It would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,
Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17585 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17585 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-17585 (Page 2 of 2):

As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17586

Comment ID: N-17586
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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

I am a fellow service man and have to deal with our OHV laws here in North Carolina. Its one thing dealing with hippies over stupid birds, its another taking park land for military use. there has to be other places that will be less intrusive to our way of life and there has to be a way to allow us to use whats left of our OHV park areas.

Sincerely,

Louis Keating

Response to Comment N-17586:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Sincerely,

Louis Keating

Response to Comment N-17587:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17588

Comment ID: N-17588
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Small towns rely on tourism to keep them turning.

Sincerely,

Bo Hatfield

Response to Comment N-17588:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17589

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Keeping the locals happy is what allows the Marines to stay in the area, is it really a good idea to screw with the locals, do you really want to upset the balance?

Sincerely,

Stephen Kudrick

Response to Comment N-17589:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17590

Comment ID: N-17590
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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17590:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Werner Fischer

Response to Comment N-17591:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17592

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Deanne Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17592:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17593

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. There are people coming here from all over the country and spending their money here and along the way. Don't damage the local economy for no benefits. Please consider the local economy and the people of the US in this.

Sincerely,

John Smith

Response to Comment N-17593:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17594:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17595

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17595:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17596

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Sincerely,

John Cappa

Response to Comment N-17596:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17597

Comment ID: N-17597
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17597:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,
Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17598:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine please take the time to consider all of your options before expanding into Johnson Valley. It should be your last choice only if NONE of the other alternatives are possible. If there is a cost savings in expanding West, consider the loss of income and negative economic impact and realize that there is no real savings in going West. Any additional cost or effort to expand other than West would be in the best interest of everyone involved. I want to believe that the administration would encourage alternatives that would retain the popular support of my Corps by the public!

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17599:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordnance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. This is an important and beautiful area for offroad travel.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,
Joseph Taylor

Response to Comment N-17600:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17601:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-17602

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Donald Guyer

Response to Comment N-17602:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17603

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17603:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17604

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Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17604:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17605

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Sincerely,

Chris Gage

Response to Comment N-17605:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17606

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17606:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17607

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Sincerely,

Jason Hawkins

Response to Comment N-17607:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17608

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Sincerely,

Darren Schaefer

Response to Comment N-17608:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17609

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Sincerely,
colton miller

Response to Comment N-17609:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17610

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

William Haugse

Response to Comment N-17610:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17611

Comment ID: N-17611
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I have been using off-road trails since 1967, first with my wife and young children, then with the three adult boys with their own Jeeps. While we are on the trails, many of the family members stay in camp and enjoy the joys of nature and camping. We pack in and pack out. Johnson Valley is a premier area for our runs and the fact that we limit our runs to the trails ensures minimal impact. Most of the trails are completely changed and cleansed every year due to the storms that occur every year.

The positive economic impact occurs at home in the buying of equipment and supplies, also modifying and improving the Jeeps. However, there is also a large impact in the immediate area of Johnson Valley, including Victorville and Yucca Valley due to buying additional supplies and equipment, and yes, repairs to the vehicles.

I am sure that there are other contiguous areas that the Marines could use that do not impact the recreational areas of Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,
David Weston

Response to Comment N-17611:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17612

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion...go east, go north, go south...DON'T GO WEST

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17612:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-17613

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. The elimination of public lands and access to public lands is a disservice to the taxpayers of this great country. This expansion plan appears to be unnecessary and an intrusion on the public lands of the citizens of our country.

Sincerely,

Joseph Taylor

Response to Comment N-17613:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17614

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Sincerely,
Greg Adler

Response to Comment N-17614:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17615

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Sincerely,

Cliff Goodrich

Response to Comment N-17615:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17616

Comment ID: N-17616
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have wanted to visit this area for the past five years. I don't want to have more areas that I cannot see or will never be able to wheel again. We have already taken a loss over the past few years to legal wheeling access with the loss of the Upper Tellico trail system. Please consider other options that would not affect the Hammers trail system at Johnson Valley. This land has a great value to the off road community and we can not afford to lose more ground politically or geographically.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Frank Golembieski

Response to Comment N-17616:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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D Comment ID: N-17617
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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17617:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17618

Comment ID: N-17618
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

The more OHV areas taken from us mean that it is harder for my family and myself to enjoy our recreational activities together!!!

Sincerely,

Darrell VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17618:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17619

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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As I was growing up I have ridden several different places, now that I am trying to spend time with my family it is getting harder and harder to find places to ride.

Sincerely,

Christopher Midkiff

Response to Comment N-17619:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17620

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Not only would this be closing another OHV area, this would be removing the crown jewel. I have spent time all over the country and every offroader I talk to dreams of making it to JV. Removing this landmark in the OHV world would be a disaster.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Knaus

Response to Comment N-17620:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17621

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Clifford Rourke

Response to Comment N-17621:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17622

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr.

Response to Comment N-17622:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17623

Comment ID: N-17623
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jerrod Klettke

Response to Comment N-17623:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17624

Comment ID: N-17624
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Eddie Orton

Response to Comment N-17624:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17625

Cc: Comment ID: N-17625
De: Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17625:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-17626

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Michael Stewart

Response to Comment N-17626:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17627

Comment ID: N-17627
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. This problem is not as large with individual small vehicles, but with a large military operation as big as what could fit in JV there is a potentially huge pollution issue.

Sincerely,
John Smith

Response to Comment N-17627:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17628

Comment ID: N-17628
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to off road, it is one of the most positive things i have in my life and a great way for my son and i to bond, with out JV i lose a great spot to enjoy the out doors and my family. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,
Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17628:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17629

Comment ID: N-17629
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17629:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17630:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17631

Comment ID: N-17631
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17631:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17632:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17633

Comment ID: N-17633
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17633:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17634

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17634:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17635

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,
Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17635:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17636

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East. The Eastern area could be used for training and will be sufficient for military use. The Johnson Valley area could then be maintained and kept as public access. This would allow all parties to be satisfied with the situation.

Sincerely,

Robert Chase

Response to Comment N-17636:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17637

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17637:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17638

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use,These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17638:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17639

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture".

Sincerely,

Jorge Hernandez

Response to Comment N-17639:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17640

Comment ID: N-17640
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17640:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17641

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Joseph Edmondson

Response to Comment N-17641:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17642:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17643

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17643:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17644

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Werner Fischer

Response to Comment N-17644:

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Why would anyone go against the public and take away from the common american citizen?

Go east Marines!

Sincerely,

Brynjar Eriksen

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-17649:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years, since I've been with my husband. In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community, families, and anyone else who is into camping, hiking, wheeling, atvs, and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers, all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use. These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east. I beg to you to please strongly look into this option. Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

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Crystal Charpentier

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17656:

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Sincerely,
Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17659 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Response to Comment N-17659 (Page 2 of 2):

As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

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Sincerely,
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles, the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17664:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17665

Comment ID: N-17665
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17665:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17666

Comment ID: N-17666
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17666:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles, the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,
Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17667:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17668

Comment ID: N-17668
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17668:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17669

Comment ID: N-17669
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,
Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17669:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17670

Comment ID: N-17670
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Palms, CA 92277

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,
Ehsan Kiani

Response to Comment N-17670:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17671

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Palms, CA 92277

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Ehsan Kiani

Response to Comment N-17671:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17672

Comment ID: N-17672
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17672:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17673

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17673:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17674

Comment ID: N-17674
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Nik Deem

Response to Comment N-17674:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17675

Comment ID: N-17675
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kyle Irvin
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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion....go east, go north, go south...DON'T GO WEST

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17675:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17676

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Moving East would also mean keeping my families favorite place to off road open!

Sincerely,

Christopher Midkiff

Response to Comment N-17676:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17677

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Darrell VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17677:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17678

Comment ID: N-17678
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17678:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17679

Comment ID: N-17679
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17679:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17680

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East. The eastern expansion is a highly logical idea.

Sincerely,

mike VORNDRAN

Response to Comment N-17680:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17681

Comment ID: N-17681
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kyle Irvin
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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17681:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17682

Comment ID: N-17682
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This land will be trampled by obscenely heavy military vehicles with no care to the environment. As it is, there are HUGE holes as of today in the desert floor which the U.S. Military has left behind. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-17682:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17683

Comment ID: N-17683
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17683:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17684:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17685

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion....go east, go north, go south...DON'T GO WEST

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17685:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17686

Comment ID: N-17686
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17686:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17687

Comment ID: N-17687
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17687:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17688

Comment ID: N-17688
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17688:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17689

Comment ID: N-17689
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClune
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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17689:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17690

Comment ID: N-17690
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Sam Visger
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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17690:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17691

Comment ID: N-17691
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bach Wilson
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Piedmont, SC 29673

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. OHV users take all opportunities to "tread lightly"

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17691:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17692

Comment ID: N-17692
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. The Johnson Valley should remain a public area.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17692:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17693

Comment ID: N-17693
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17693:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17694

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Securing the perimeter and the many trails and roads that lead into the JV OHV recreation area would be a major undertaking. Not only that but also educating the general public that the area is now closed. Keep in mind the general public is not those who live in the surrounding areas of Johnson Valley but everyone who has ever read an article or seen pictures of the awesome recreation possibilities for rock crawling, trail riding, dirt biking, etc. and wants to make the trek there from all over the US.

Sincerely,

Brian Sumner

Response to Comment N-17694:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17695:

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17696:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17697

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years, since I've been with my husband. In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community, families, and anyone else who is into camping, hiking, wheeling, atvs, and anything else the area has to offer. I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers, all caused by park closures. I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use. These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures. From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east. I beg to you to please strongly look into this option. Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,
Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17697:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Comment ID: N-17698

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley is a very well known and used area. Closing the area will not only confuse the public but it would put them in harms way if they were to accidentally wander into a training exercise.

Sincerely,

Robert Chase

Response to Comment N-17698:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17699

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17699:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17700

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. This poses both a security risk for the base, and a safety risk to the public. Expanding the base in a different direction could eliminate these possibilities.

Sincerely,
Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17700:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17701

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Jason Hawkins

Response to Comment N-17701:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17702

Comment ID: N-17702
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17702:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17703

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17703:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17704

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17704:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17705

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17705:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17706

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to off road, it is one of the most positive things i have in my life and a great way for my son and i to bond. with out JV i lose a great spot to enjoy the out doors and my family. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,
Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17706:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17707

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East. An investigation on the impact to the current eco-systems would be helpful in understanding the decision to expand.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17707:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17708

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17708:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17709

Comment ID: N-17709
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17709:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17710

C Comment ID: N-17710
D Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17710:

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Comment ID: N-17711

Comment ID: N-17711
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17711:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17712



Response to Comment N-17712:

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Comment ID: N-17713

Comment ID: N-17713
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17713:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17714

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Darrell VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17714:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17715

Comment ID: N-17715
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Elliott
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,
David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17715:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17716

Comment ID: N-17716
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kyle Irvin
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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion...go east, go north, go south...DON'T GO WEST

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17716:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-17717

Comment ID: N-17717
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

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Comment ID: N-17718

Comment ID: N-17718
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17718:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17719

Comment ID: N-17719
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.

I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures. I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.

From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,
Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17719:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17720

Comment ID: N-17720
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17720:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17721

Comment ID: N-17721
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. OHV users take special care to tread lightly and leave minimal to no impact on the environment. It is important to OHV users that the environment of popular locations does not change, both to avoid closure, and to ensure that the area can be enjoyed by generations to come as an OHV area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17721:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17722

Comment ID: N-17722
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17722:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17723 (Page 1 of 2)

Comment ID: N-17723
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world, it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,
Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17723 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17723 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-17723 (Page 2 of 2):

As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17724

Comment ID: N-17724
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. The tracks will hasten wind and water erosion, destroying the wilderness for future generations.

Sincerely,

Donald Nywenig

Response to Comment N-17724:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17725

Comment ID: N-17725
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17725:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17726

Comment ID: N-17726
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17726:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17727

Comment ID: N-17727
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17727:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17728

Comment ID: N-17728
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17728:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17729

Comment ID: N-17729
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17729:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17730

Comment ID: N-17730
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17730:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17731

Comment ID: N-17731
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17731:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17732

Comment ID: N-17732
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,
Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17732:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17733

Comment ID: N-17733
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. The US economy relies on money spent by those who do!

Sincerely,

Bo Hatfield

Response to Comment N-17733:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17734

Comment ID: N-17734
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. This is one of the few areas left where the public can test new products for extreme offroad use. If the Marines take over this area this is another instance of the public being forced from public lands. Please go east Marines!!!

Sincerely,

John Smith

Response to Comment N-17734:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17735

Comment ID: N-17735
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. It would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17735:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-17736

Comment ID: N-17736
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17736:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17737

Comment ID: N-17737
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,
Jack Cook

Response to Comment N-17737:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17738

Comment ID: N-17738
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

^The KOH race has become the biggest race in just a few years, please help us continue this great event by expanding EAST instead of WEST!!!! Thank you, Marines!

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

Response to Comment N-17738:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17739

Comment ID: N-17739
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jason Hawkins

Response to Comment N-17739:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17740

Comment ID: N-17740
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17740:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17741

Comment ID: N-17741
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17741:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17742

Comment ID: N-17742
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17742:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17743

Comment ID: N-17743
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Sam Visger
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. This project does not seem fiscally sound and also appears unnecessary

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17743:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17744

Comment ID: N-17744
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17744:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17745

Comment ID: N-17745
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClune
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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17745:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17746

Comment ID: N-17746
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bach Wilson
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. This is a time that all government funded projects should be closely looked at before spending more taxpayer money.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17746:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17747

Comment ID: N-17747
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Charles Weiss
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. Loss of tax revenue, and increase in operation costs should be looked at in depth. Right now Johnson Valley creates tax revenue, if the USMC expand the area will only drain tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17747:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17748

Comment ID: N-17748
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. The Corps Failed to Analyze
DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17748:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17749

Comment ID: N-17749
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17749:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17750

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.
I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17750:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17751

Comment ID: N-17751
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17751:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17752

Comment ID: N-17752
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17752:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17753

Comment ID: N-17753
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. It would be a shame to ruin a beautiful area of our country with a half finished expansion of the 29 Palms base.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17753:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17754

Comment ID: N-17754
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17754:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17755

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17755:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17756

Comment ID: N-17756
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17756:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17757

Comment ID: N-17757
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17757:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17758

Comment ID: N-17758
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17758:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17759

Comment ID: N-17759
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17759:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17760

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17760:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17761

Comment ID: N-17761
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17761:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17762

Comment ID: N-17762
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17762:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17763

Comment ID: N-17763
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17763:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17764

Comment ID: N-17764
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17764:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17765

Comment ID: N-17765
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17765:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17766

Comment ID: N-17766
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17766:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17767

Comment ID: N-17767
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17767:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17768

Comment ID: N-17768
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17768:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17769

Comment ID: N-17769
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Sam Visger
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. With concerns over the environment so important and civilians working to reduce their own carbon footprint, it seems irresponsible to allow this expansion that would negate any progress made.

Sincerely,
Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17769:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17770

Comment ID: N-17770
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles, the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. And if this were to be done, there would be a huge impact on water availability!

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17770:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17771

Comment ID: N-17771
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17771:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17772

Comment ID: N-17772
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17772:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17773

Comment ID: N-17773
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17773:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17774

Comment ID: N-17774
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClune
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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17774:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-17775

Comment ID: N-17775
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17775:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17776

Comment ID: N-17776
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17776:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17777

Comment ID: N-17777
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17777:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17778

Comment ID: N-17778
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17778:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17779

Comment ID: N-17779
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kyle Irvin
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine please take the time to consider all of your options before expanding into Johnson Valley. It should be your last choice only if NONE of the other alternatives are possible. If there is a cost savings in expanding West, consider the loss of income and negative economic impact and realize that there is no real savings in going West. Any additional cost or effort to expand other than West would be in the best interest of everyone involved. I want to believe that the administration would encourage alternatives that would retain the popular support of my Corps by the public!

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17779:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-17780

Comment ID: N-17780
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17780:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17781

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue to those around the area. This expansion would affect more than simply outdoor enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17781:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17782

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. The OHV of use the area does not create noticeable sound.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17782:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17783

Comment ID: N-17783
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17783:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

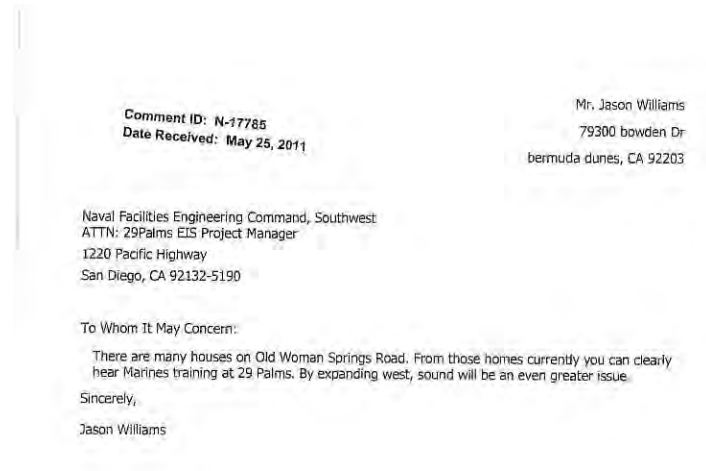
Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17784:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17785



Response to Comment N-17785:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17786

Comment ID: N-17786
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17786:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-17787

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17787:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17788

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road, From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17788:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17789

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. If the military is seeking to maintain a good public image, expanding towards areas of people's homes is not a good way to improve that image.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17789:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-17790

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Daryl Keenan

Response to Comment N-17790:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17791

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17791:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17792

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17792:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17793

Comment ID: N-17793
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17793:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17794

Comment ID: N-17794
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17794:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17795

Comment ID: N-17795
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Sound from bomb blasts and cover fire can travel for long distances. These are issues that have not been considered. Please reconsider the move west.

Sincerely,
John Smith

Response to Comment N-17795:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-17796

Comment ID: N-17796
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17796:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17797

Comment ID: N-17797
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17797:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17798

Comment ID: N-17798
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public! This would create a huge problem for both the marines and public.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17798:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17799

Comment ID: N-17799
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dave Storm
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Dave Storm

Response to Comment N-17799:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-17800

Comment ID: N-17800
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17800:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17801

Comment ID: N-17801
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,
Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17801:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17802

Comment ID: N-17802
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. James Leach
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

James Leach

Response to Comment N-17802:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17803

Comment ID: N-17803
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. The industry relies on these large events to help increase their business, many of which are California based. If these businesses do well, it helps California's struggling economy.

Sincerely,
Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17803:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17804

Comment ID: N-17804
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. timothy connors jr
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17804:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17805

Comment ID: N-17805
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClune
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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17805:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17806

Comment ID: N-17806
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. This area is extremely important for thousands of people, and the loss of the Hammers would be a detrimental blow to the Southern California OHV community as well as the offroading industries that use the land, PLEASE go east. You and I know it is not right to steal the hammers from taxpayers

Sincerely,
Jason Cook

Response to Comment N-17806:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17807

Comment ID: N-17807
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. The OHV industry is very important to the area.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17807:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17808

Comment ID: N-17808
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Ian Koentges

Response to Comment N-17808:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17809

Comment ID: N-17809
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammer. please believe me that many Americans are getting more into OHV style recreation. please don't continue the trend of taking away land that belongs to the public.

Sincerely,
Tobias King

Response to Comment N-17809:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17810

Comment ID: N-17810
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17810:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17811

Comment ID: N-17811
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years, since I've been with my husband. In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community, families, and anyone else who is into camping, hiking, wheeling, atvs, and anything else the area has to offer. I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers, all caused by park closures. I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use. These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures. From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east. I beg to you to please strongly look into this option. Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17811:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17812

Comment ID: N-17812
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17812:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17813

Comment ID: N-17813
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17813:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17814

Comment ID: N-17814
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17814:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17815

Comment ID: N-17815
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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world, it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17815:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17816:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17817

Comment ID: N-17817
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17817:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17818

Comment ID: N-17818
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17818:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17819

Comment ID: N-17819
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17819:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17820

Comment ID: N-17820
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

werner fischer

Response to Comment N-17820:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17821

Comment ID: N-17821
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Clint Griffith
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. The government has all the resources they need, we don't. We all have jobs and families and only a little time what's left to try to fight for the things that are important to us. So we need more time to spread public awareness. Every one should have the right to know what there about to loose.

Sincerely,
Clint Griffith

Response to Comment N-17821:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17822

Comment ID: N-17822
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles travelling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Nik Deem

Response to Comment N-17822:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17823

Comment ID: N-17823
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17823:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17824

Comment ID: N-17824
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kyle Irvin
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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17824:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17825

Comment ID: N-17825
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17825:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17826

Comment ID: N-17826
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Darrell VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17826:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17827

Comment ID: N-17827
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Not only do I carry spill kits but I also carry a trash bag that hangs off the back of my buggy to put trash that I find to help clean up the environment!

Sincerely,

Christopher Midkiff

Response to Comment N-17827:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17828

Comment ID: N-17828
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17828:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17829

Comment ID: N-17829
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion...go east, go north, go south...DON'T GO WEST

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17829:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17830

Comment ID: N-17830
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17830:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17831

Comment ID: N-17831
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. With many military vehicles travelling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17831:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17832

Comment ID: N-17832
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
mike VORNDRAN

Response to Comment N-17832:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

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Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. As OHV enthusiasts, we love the desert in which we use these vehicles and preservation of our areas are paramount in the community.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17835:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17836

Comment ID: N-17836
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.
I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures. I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,
Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17836:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17837

Comment ID: N-17837
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17837:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17838

Comment ID: N-17838
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. This proving ground for product development is key to many manufactures. If access is taken away, the development of new products will be reduced and the economic impact on many businesses, large and small, would be astronomical in nature.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17838:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17839

Comment ID: N-17839
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dave Granfeld

Response to Comment N-17839:

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Comment ID: N-17840

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Robert Powers

Response to Comment N-17840:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17841

Comment ID: N-17841
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17841:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17842

Comment ID: N-17842
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17842:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17843

Comment ID: N-17843
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17843:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17844

Comment ID: N-17844
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. It would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17844:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-17845

Comment ID: N-17845
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17845:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17846

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17846:

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Comment ID: N-17847

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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John Cappa

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Comment ID: N-17848

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17848:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17849

Comment ID: N-17849
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-17849:

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Comment ID: N-17850

Comment ID: N-17850
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Is it worth the tax dollars spent and tax dollars lost from lost revenue by local business?

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17850:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17851

Comment ID: N-17851
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? I hope this is considered when debating the necessity of this expansion.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17851:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17852

Comment ID: N-17852
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17852:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17853

Comment ID: N-17853
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Darrell VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17853:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17854

Comment ID: N-17854
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? I believe we should question whether more efficient and effective training at a lower cost would be a viable option.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17854:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17855

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17855:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17856

Comment ID: N-17856
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17856:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Jason Williams

Response to Comment N-17857:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17858:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Jason Hawkins

Response to Comment N-17859:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17860:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Furthermore, are there no other locations available for training large numbers of troops?

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17861:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary? Do we need to take an area that is a viable, economical asset to the economy and turn it into another live fire training area? Are our Marines not some of the finest trained in the world utilizing the facilities they have at the current time?

Sincerely,
Richard Wilson

Response to Comment N-17862:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17863:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political and economic situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? If so what about combining space with the Army and using NTC? What about expanding in another direction?

Sincerely,

Ronald Davis

Response to Comment N-17864:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17865:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,
Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17866:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,
tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17867:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17868

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17868:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-17869
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17869:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17870

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? We have many training areas in the US and this is just more money that would be wasted when we have ample training areas in other locations.

Sincerely,
John Smith

Response to Comment N-17870:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17871

Comment ID: N-17871
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17871:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-17872

Comment ID: N-17872
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This beautiful area of the valley needs to be protected from contamination of the soil. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. The OHV community holds to the ideal of tread lightly to not leave an impact on the area they are using. The military does not hold to any such ideals. While it may be true that some contamination occurs from the OHV community, far more will take place with any expansion into Johnson valley from the military.

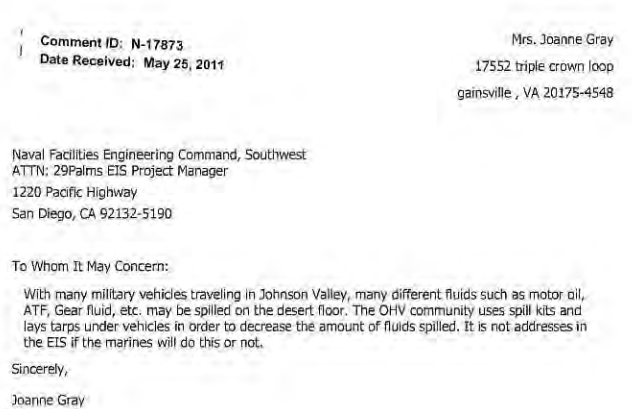
Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17872:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17873



Response to Comment N-17873:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-17874
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17874 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17874 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-17874 (Page 2 of 2):

As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17875

Comment ID: N-17875
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17875:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17876:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17877

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17877:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Werner Fischer

Response to Comment N-17878:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17879

Comment ID: N-17879
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to off road, it is one of the most positive things i have in my life and a great way for my son and i to bond. with out JV i lose a great spot to enjoy the out doors and my family. With many military vehicles travelling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17879:

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Comment ID: N-17880

Comment ID: N-17880
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-17880:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-17881

Comment ID: N-17881
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Nik Deem

Response to Comment N-17881:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17882

Comment ID: N-17882
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-17882:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17883

Comment ID: N-17883
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Joanne Gray
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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes outdoor healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17883:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17884

Comment ID: N-17884
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17884:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-17885

Comment ID: N-17885
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Hawkins
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Jason Hawkins

Response to Comment N-17885:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17886

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Please provide the public more time to go over all the information provided with in the documents.

Thanks
Scott

Sincerely,

Scott Angell

Response to Comment N-17886:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17887

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kyle Irvin
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17887:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-17888

Comment ID: N-17888
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Darren Schaefer

Response to Comment N-17888:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-17889

Comment ID: N-17889
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Aaron Peters
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To Whom It May Concern:

With the economy only in a recovery stage at this point a reduction in income would be detrimental to the OHV industries. The OHV industry would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Aaron Peters

Response to Comment N-17889:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Peters

Response to Comment N-17890:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

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Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17891:

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Comment ID: N-17892

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17892:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Darrell VanWormer
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Darrell VanWormer

Response to Comment N-17893:

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To Whom It May Concern:

This should be the last option for expansion....go east, go north, go south...DON'T GO WEST

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Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17894:

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Comment ID: N-17895

Comment ID: N-17895
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17895:

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Comment ID: N-17896

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

mike VORNDRAH

Response to Comment N-17896:

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Comment ID: N-17897

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

timothy.connors.jr

Response to Comment N-17897:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17898

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Elliott
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17898:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17899

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Sam Visger
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Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17899:

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Comment ID: N-17900

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bach Wilson
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17900:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17901

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler Gowans
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17901:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-17902

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClune
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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17902:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years, since I've been with my husband. In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community, families, and anyone else who is into camping, hiking, wheeling, atvs, and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers, all caused by park closures. I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use. These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east. I beg to you to please strongly look into this option. Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17903 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17903 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-17903 (Page 2 of 2):

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Comment ID: N-17904

Comment ID: N-17904
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This is what has already given OHV drivers a bad name in other areas.

Sincerely,

Bryan Coleman

Response to Comment N-17904:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17905

Comment ID: N-17905
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Legal recreation areas keeping the sport alive need to be kept open to the public. There are plenty of places the Marines can open a new training facility in, why take away some of the most challenging and great legal places in the country for our sport.

Sincerely,

Robert Peters

Response to Comment N-17905:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17906

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.
I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years, since I've been with my husband. In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community, families, and anyone else who is into camping, hiking, wheeling, atvs, and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers, all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use. These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east. I beg to you to please strongly look into this option. Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,
Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-17906:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Comment ID: N-17907

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

It is an unfortunate fact that OHV areas are closing throughout the country. Right now, one of the major things keeping people from wheeling in dangerous/illegal areas is that the best wheeling is still on legal BLM land. If this closes, I guarantee there will be a massive increase in destruction of private property and conflicts between offroaders and protected lands.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Knaus

Response to Comment N-17907:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17908

Comment ID: N-17908
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Johnson Valley is one of the most popular OHV areas in the Southern California area. Without access to this area, thousands of OHV users are going to be left without a place to go. Sadly this will lead to areas that are not supposed to be used for OHV being used for that purpose.

Sincerely,

Peter Anacabe

Response to Comment N-17908:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17909

Comment ID: N-17909
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17909:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17910

Comment ID: N-17910
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17910:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17911

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17911:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Comment ID: N-17912

Comment ID: N-17912
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,
Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-17912:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17913

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

thanks
Robert Davies

Sincerely,
Robert Davies

Response to Comment N-17913:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17914

Comment ID: N-17914
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. I am a 16 year old boy that has grown up learning how to treat this world right, considering it is the only one we have. One of the most important rules my father(Avid four wheeler) has taught me is to tread lightly and to leave the trail better than you when you arrive(as in cleaning trash, blocking off illegal spurs, removing downed logs from the road, etc.). With many trails closing around the United States, places like Johnson Valley Recreation Area are the largest targets for people who don't think we are doing a good enough job preserving the earth. The closer of the JVRA would be a major loss for everyone. I myself have not yet had the chance to travel to JV and I fear that I never will be able to due to the constant threat against the area. Please consider this as a small wish from a young man that promotes saving the trail and treading lightly. Give me a chance to experience this area!

thanks for reading
David Cox

Sincerely,
David Cox

Response to Comment N-17914:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-17915

Comment ID: N-17915
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Dave Granfeld

Response to Comment N-17915:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17916

Comment ID: N-17916
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. it would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17916:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17917

Comment ID: N-17917
Date Received: May 25, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. We do our best to keep illegal wheeling from happening but the more legal area there is the harder it gets. Keep the land to the people.

Sincerely,
Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-17917:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17918

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To Whom It May Concern:

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thanks for reading
David Cox

Sincerely,
David Cox

Response to Comment N-17918:

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Comment ID: N-17919

Comment ID: N-17919
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Christian Waara

Response to Comment N-17919:

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Comment ID: N-17920

Comment ID: N-17920
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17920:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17921

Comment ID: N-17921
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17921:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17922

Comment ID: N-17922
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. If you outlaw wheeling, only outlaws will wheel!

Sincerely,
Bo Hatfield

Response to Comment N-17922:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17923

Comment ID: N-17923
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

William Ochoa

Response to Comment N-17923:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17924

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Those who are new to the sport with no real place to go wheeling will go where ever they can. If the area remains open to OHV use, the training necessary to new enthusiasts will be able to take place, through group events and knowledge gained by use of the area and the people in it.

Sincerely,

andrew wahlstrom

Response to Comment N-17924:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17925

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Protected areas and private land may fall victim to illegal use and damage from OHV.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-17925:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17926

Comment ID: N-17926
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and other areas that are being closed to economy improving citizens who spend lots of money on their rigs to enjoy their contry and where they live. This is enough of the government over powering the general public out of what we should have equal rights to use.

Sincerely,
Eric Cecil

Response to Comment N-17926:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17927

Cc: Comment ID: N-17927
D: Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17927:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17928

Comment ID: N-17928
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area which the Marines, the State of California, and law-abiding OHV users would all find problematic as these users may not take care of the land they are using. Legal OHV users emphasize taking care of the land which we enjoy.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17928:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17929

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Legal areas for OHV use are hard to find, Johnson Valley is a favorite. As long as it is there, people will follow the rules and not be forced to find less than legal areas.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17929:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17930

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

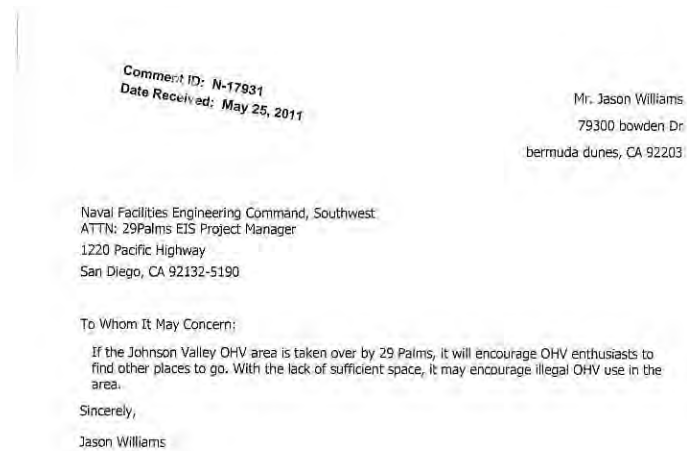
Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17930:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17931



Response to Comment N-17931:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-17932

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

Response to Comment N-17932:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17933

Comment ID: N-17933
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Caskey
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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to off road, it is one of the most positive things i have in my life and a great way for my son and i to bond. with out JV i lose a great spot to enjoy the out doors and my family. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-17933:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17934

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have not been able to travel to JV but i want to and i dont think it should be taken from me. JV is just as important as the Grand Canyon. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson

Response to Comment N-17934:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17935

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. The area is naturally dry, this can become a huge problem with live rounds being used on such a mass scale. Please consider these issues when trying to take over Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,
John Smith

Response to Comment N-17935:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17936

Comment ID: N-17936
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Carpenter
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17936:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17937

C Comment ID: N-17937
C Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bo Hatfield
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Who will fight this fire, you?

Sincerely,

Bo Hatfield

Response to Comment N-17937:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17938

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D Comment ID: N-17938
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

tyler gowans

Response to Comment N-17938:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17939

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17939

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17940

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

James Powell

Response to Comment N-17940:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17941

Comment ID: N-17941
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Don Valdez

Response to Comment N-17941:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17942 (Page 1 of 2)

Comment ID: N-17942
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

JV is a very important area to many from all around the world. It would be a large loss not only to the OHV community but the entire population if it is shut down to the public. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17942 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-17942 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-17942 (Page 2 of 2):

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV is very important to the off road community. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17943:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17944

Comment ID: N-17944
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. The OHV's using the area are equipped with spark arrestors to pose minimal danger of creating fires.

Sincerely,

Bach Wilson

Response to Comment N-17944:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17945

Comment ID: N-17945
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dave Storm
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Dave Storm

Response to Comment N-17945

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17946

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Southern California is already prone to fires and anything that increases this risk should be avoided.

Sincerely,

Sam Visger

Response to Comment N-17946:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17947

Comment ID: N-17947
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. While open use of the area by the public may increase the general risk of fire hazards, the users are able to monitor and report any fires in the area and can cover a larger area without the cost to local tax payers and government alike.

Sincerely,
Andrew Wahlstrom

Response to Comment N-17947

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17948

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Crain
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,
Mike Crain

Response to Comment N-17948:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17949

Comment ID: N-17949
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Elliott
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-17949:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17950

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. timothy connors jr
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

timothy connors jr

Response to Comment N-17950:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-17951

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,
Karen Mosty

Response to Comment N-17951:

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Sincerely,
Shaun Bootsma

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." This is both harmful to the environment and safety of those that would seek future access to this area.

Sincerely,
Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-17955:

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Sincerely,

tyler gowans

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Please expand East to make all parties happy, so that we can all use the land to its fullest potential!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

Response to Comment N-17957:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,
Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-17958:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Barcena

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Sincerely,
John Smith

Response to Comment N-17960:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17961:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine please take the time to consider all of your options before expanding into Johnson Valley. It should be your last choice only if NONE of the other alternatives are possible. If there is a cost savings in expanding West, consider the loss of income and negative economic impact and realize that there is no real savings in going West. Any additional cost or effort to expand other than West would be in the best interest of everyone involved. I want to believe that the administration would encourage alternatives that would retain the popular support of my Corps by the public!

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Sincerely,
Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-17963:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-17964:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I would ask that you take into consideration the long term effects this will have on the community and Marines stationed at 29 Palms. Once the base has been expanded, it's very difficult if not impossible to reopen it to the public. Expanding East would allow the same training improvements without affecting the public or your Marines personal lives.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healthy activity as well as the study of engineering and math. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

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Response to Comment N-17970 (Page 2 of 2):

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Comment ID: N-17971

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Michelle Huizar

Response to Comment N-17971:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17972

Comment ID: N-17972
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The EIS does not state the impact of an expanded 29 Palms to the residents on or on Old Woman Springs Road.

The current 29 Palms west boundary is over 10 miles away, and exploding ordinance can already be heard. With a westward expansion into Johnson Valley, the noise impact to Old Woman Springs Road residents will be terrible.

Johnson Valley OHV area makes a great buffer between the current Base and nearby residential areas.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-17972:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17973

Comment ID: N-17973
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Lisa Villarino
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Lisa Villarino

Response to Comment N-17973:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17974

Comment ID: N-17974
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Shane Kiss
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Alta Loma, CA 91737

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Shane Kiss

Response to Comment N-17974:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17975

Comment ID: N-17975
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. James Fuller
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Winter Park, FL 32792

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

James Fuller

Response to Comment N-17975:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17976

Comment ID: N-17976
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Gary Lawson
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Houston, TX 77092

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Would you want to live next to a bombing range? There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,
Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-17976:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17977

Comment ID: N-17977
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Gardner
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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-17977:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17978

Comment ID: N-17978
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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The current 29 Palms west boundary is over 10 miles away, and exploding ordinance can already be heard. With a westward expansion into Johnson Valley, the noise impact to Old Woman Springs Road residents will be terrible.

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There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17978:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17979

Comment ID: N-17979
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Adam Jacob
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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-17979:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17980

Comment ID: N-17980
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler Gowans
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops but i also love to off road and i am building a custom off road buggy right now. i plant to wheel this in JV when its done and i hope the land is not lost before i finish. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-17980:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17981

Comment ID: N-17981
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Williams
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Saint George, UT 84770

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-17981:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17982

Comment ID: N-17982
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Corbett
33 McCall Place
Newburgh, NY 12550

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. This noise pollution could possibly reach dangerous levels, and also adversely affect the market value of these properties and homes.

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-17982:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-17983

Comment ID: N-17983
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Paul Hoffman
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Orangevale, CA 95662

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-17983:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-17984

Comment ID: N-17984
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brandon Lowry
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires and stay to specific trails. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-17984:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-17985

Comment ID: N-17985
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Terhune
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-17985:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17986

Comment ID: N-17986
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Rhyland Schechter
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Rhyland Schechter

Response to Comment N-17986:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17987

Comment ID: N-17987
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Gardner
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-17987:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17988

Comment ID: N-17988
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Marie Hauser
185 Wolcott Avenue
Rochester, NY 14606

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Please GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Marie Hauser

Response to Comment N-17988:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-17989

Comment ID: N-17989
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Hauser
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Rochester, NY 14606

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

Responsible OHV users know that airing down our tires gives us better flotation in soft sand, and better grip on rocks.

We also find that our aired-down tires do little damage to the desert floor.

The EIS fails to note whether wheeled military vehicles will be similarly aired-down for less impact to the desert floor, and fails to note that using tracked vehicles will absolutely have a greater impact on the desert floor.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-17989:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17990

Comment ID: N-17990
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler DeSpain
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Bellevue, NE 68123

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires and stay to specific trails. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-17990:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-17991

Comment ID: N-17991
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Gill
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Houston, TX 77055

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. AVID OHV users want to enjoy the desert and do everything possible not to damage it so it can remain for them to come back and enjoy for years to come. Once damage is done by tracked vehicles, this cannot be repaired.

Please Move EAST Marines!

Sincerely,

David Gill

Response to Comment N-17991:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17992

Comment ID: N-17992
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Adam Jacob
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#10
Crescent Springs, KY 41017

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-17992:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17993

Comment ID: N-17993
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christie Lawson
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Houston, TX 77092

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Here we go with that pollution deal again. We are held to erosion standards or lose privileges why is the field not level in regards to this? OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Christie Lawson

Response to Comment N-17993:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17994

Comment ID: N-17994
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Philip Mitchell
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West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Philip Mitchell

Response to Comment N-17994:

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Comment ID: N-17995

Comment ID: N-17995
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jack Ebert
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Las Vegas, NV 89130

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29 Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-17995:

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Comment ID: N-17996

Comment ID: N-17996
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andre Desilet
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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,
Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-17996:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-17997

Comment ID: N-17997
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan Hickox
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Painted Post, NY 14870

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,
Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-17997:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17998

Comment ID: N-17998
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Norman England
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Quinton, VA 23141

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Norman England

Response to Comment N-17998:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-17999

Comment ID: N-17999
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andrew Salazar
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Andrew Salazar

Response to Comment N-17999:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-18000

Comment ID: N-18000
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Paul Hoffman
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18000:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-18001

Comment ID: N-18001
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jake Protis
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OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Jake Protis

Response to Comment N-18001:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-18002

Comment ID: N-18002
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Barnett
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Matt Barnett

Response to Comment N-18002:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-18003

Comment ID: N-18003
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. John Williams
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Saint George, UT 84770

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18003:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-18004

Comment ID: N-18004
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Corbett
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Newburgh, NY 12550

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. There are other serious implications that come with the expansion of the base.

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18004:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-18005

Comment ID: N-18005
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires and stay to specific trails. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18005:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-18006

Comment ID: N-18006
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Marie Hauser
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Rochester, NY 14606

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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. Please
GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Marie Hauser

Response to Comment N-18006:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18007

Comment ID: N-18007
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Hauser
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Defense will be tasked with cutting \$800 Billion in defense spending.

The Marine Corps has failed to consider DOD budget reality in promoting this project.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-18007:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18008

Comment ID: N-18008
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Burt
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ATTN: 29 Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps failed to analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Mike Burt

Response to Comment N-18008:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18009

Comment ID: N-18009
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. James Fuller
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

James Fuller

Response to Comment N-18009:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18010

Comment ID: N-18010
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Terhune
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18010:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18011

Comment ID: N-18011
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Adam Jacob
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18011:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18012

Comment ID: N-18012
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andre Desilet
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18012:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18013

Comment ID: N-18013
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan Hickox
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18013:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18014

Comment ID: N-18014
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Jeremy Ford
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ford

Response to Comment N-18014:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18015

Comment ID: N-18015
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

hansl stull

Response to Comment N-18015:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18016

Comment ID: N-18016
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Harlan
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18016:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18017

Comment ID: N-18017
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Williams
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18017:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18018

Comment ID: N-18018
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

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Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18018:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18019

Comment ID: N-18019
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Paul Hoffman
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18019:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18020

Comment ID: N-18020
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jack Ebert
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Las Vegas, NV 89130

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18020:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18021

Comment ID: N-18021
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Charles Weiss
Metalarchitect.com
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. In addition many areas will now be closed and families will no longer be able to get out and enjoy a beautiful piece of nature.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-18021:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18022

Comment ID: N-18022
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Marie Häuser
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Rochester, NY 14606

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Please GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Marie Häuser

Response to Comment N-18022:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18023

Comment ID: N-18023
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Terhune
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18023:

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Comment ID: N-18024

Comment ID: N-18024
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Richard Wilson
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Troy, MI 48065

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Vally has a natural beauty to the area that brings many enthusiasts. This natural beauty would be vastly altered by the dropping of live rounds and ordinance during Military operations. It would be best if 29 Palms considered alternatives to expansion into Johnson Valley and damaging this beauty.

Sincerely,

Richard Wilson

Response to Comment N-18024:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18025

Comment ID: N-18025
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Adam Jacob
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Crescent Springs, KY 41017

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18025:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18026

Comment ID: N-18026
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Gill
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Houston, TX 77055

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. This can never be repaired.

Sincerely,

David Gill

Response to Comment N-18026:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18027

Comment ID: N-18027
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Charlie Foran
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Billings, MT 59102

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Charlie Foran

Response to Comment N-18027:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18028

Comment ID: N-18028
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jack ebert
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year – OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

jack ebert

Response to Comment N-18028:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18029

Comment ID: N-18029
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,
Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18029:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18030

Comment ID: N-18030
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andre Desilet
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The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,
Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18030:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18031

Comment ID: N-18031
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Harlan
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18031:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18032

Comment ID: N-18032
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18032:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18033

Comment ID: N-18033
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. This natural beauty is just part of the attraction the the location, and it may be hard for some to understand, but it is what some people do.

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18033:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18034

Comment ID: N-18034
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18034:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18035

Comment ID: N-18035
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Upon trying to find the proper mailing address for sending in my comments, I realized that it was not included in the DEIS document and was VERY difficult difficult to find, if not excluded, from every other typical place a concerned citizen may look when they try to find a way to submit any comments they have. I had to rely on a friend who finally dug it up on the Federal Register. How many Americans would know to look on the Federal Register to find an address so important to submitting their comments DURING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD? This alone is enough to demonstrate that people are NOT encouraged to submit their comments and views on this very important subject that affects millions of people.

Due to this major oversight (or possible planned act of discouraging the public to comment), a large percentage of the public may have not found a way to submit their opinions. This means the address(es) should be posted clearly and VERY publicly and the time-period for comments extended.

Furthermore, the amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents.

That is two-strikes against the way the public comment period has been handled and all-the-more reason to review what has gone wrong, correct the blatant mistakes, and extend the public comment period to a length of time that satisfies the condition that Americans get a truly fair shot at reviewing all of the documents and issues and having a simple and effective way for them to submit their comments because this time, you'll actually provide the mailing address in locations where EVERYONE who is interested, can find it. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18035:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18036

Comment ID: N-18036
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18036:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-18037

Comment ID: N-18037
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18037:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18038

Comment ID: N-18038
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Marie Hauser

Response to Comment N-18038:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18039

Comment ID: N-18039
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

William Garza

Response to Comment N-18039:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18040

Comment ID: N-18040
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18040:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18041

Comment ID: N-18041
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged and if shared use is to be considered this issue must be resolved. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18041:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18042

Comment ID: N-18042
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ford

Response to Comment N-18042:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18043

Comment ID: N-18043
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Cauthen

Response to Comment N-18043:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18044

Comment ID: N-18044
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matt Barnett

Response to Comment N-18044:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18045

Comment ID: N-18045
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18045:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18046

Comment ID: N-18046
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Andino

Response to Comment N-18046:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18047

Comment ID: N-18047
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18047:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18048

Comment ID: N-18048
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18048:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18049

Comment ID: N-18049
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18049:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18050

Comment ID: N-18050
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Garza
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

William Garza

Response to Comment N-18050:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18051

Comment ID: N-18051
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Gardner
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18051:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18052

Comment ID: N-18052
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Lisa Villarino
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Lisa Villarino

Response to Comment N-18052:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18053

Comment ID: N-18053
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. James Fuller
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Winter Park, FL 32792

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

James Fuller

Response to Comment N-18053:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18054

Comment ID: N-18054
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Gary Lawson
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Houston, TX 77092

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To Whom It May Concern:

Only you can prevent forest fires. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18054:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18055

Comment ID: N-18055
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Adam Jacob
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18055:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18056

Comment ID: N-18056
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18056:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18057

Comment ID: N-18057
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Corbett
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Newburgh, NY 12550

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. The risk is further compounded with the use of tracer rounds and explosives.

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18057:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18058

Comment ID: N-18058
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18058:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-18059

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

John Linden

Response to Comment N-18059:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18060

Comment ID: N-18060
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." Please GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Marie Hauser

Response to Comment N-18060:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18061

Comment ID: N-18061
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
James Fuller

Response to Comment N-18061:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18062

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18062:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18063

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18063:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18064

Comment ID: N-18064
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18064:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18065

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18065:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18066

Comment ID: N-18066
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18066:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18067

Comment ID: N-18067
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18067:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18068

Comment ID: N-18068
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18068:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18069

Comment ID: N-18069
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Corbett
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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also conflicts directly with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18069:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-18070

Comment ID: N-18070
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

James Fuller

Response to Comment N-18070:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-18071

Comment ID: N-18071
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The environmentalists will not like the Marines not cleaning up after themselves. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Wubben

Response to Comment N-18071:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-18072

Comment ID: N-18072
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Brian Smith

Response to Comment N-18072:

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Comment ID: N-18073

Comment ID: N-18073
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. Many environmentalists will have a feild day with the Marines not cleaning up after themselves.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-18073:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-18074

Comment ID: N-18074
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

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Sincerely,

Robbie McIntosh

Response to Comment N-18074:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-18075

Comment ID: N-18075
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rhyland Schechter

Response to Comment N-18075:

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Comment ID: N-18076

Comment ID: N-18076
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18076:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-18077

Comment ID: N-18077
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-18077:

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Comment ID: N-18078

Comment ID: N-18078
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Not to mention any other toxins that the base may be using or housing. Or all the spare parts and artillery that will litter the floor. the OHV community tries really hard to keep our fluids and broken or spent parts with us at all time.

Sincerely,
Joe Aplet

Response to Comment N-18078:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-18079

Comment ID: N-18079
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

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Comment ID: N-18080

Comment ID: N-18080
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Norman England

Response to Comment N-18080:

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Comment ID: N-18081

Comment ID: N-18081
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,
James Fuller

Response to Comment N-18081:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18082

Comment ID: N-18082
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Jack Ebert
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Sincerely,
Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18082:

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Comment ID: N-18083

Comment ID: N-18083
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18083:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18084

Comment ID: N-18084
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Sincerely,
Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18084:

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Comment ID: N-18085

Comment ID: N-18085
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Not only are the products tested but they are showcased in their intended environment every time a OHV hits the valley. With the already limited areas the OHV industry has to test and market there products, any more closed parks will severely hurt this industry.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-18085:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18086

Comment ID: N-18086
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18086:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18087

Comment ID: N-18087
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Jeremy Ford

Response to Comment N-18087:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18088

Comment ID: N-18088
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron Young

Response to Comment N-18088:

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Comment ID: N-18089

Comment ID: N-18089
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Katherine DeJarnett

Response to Comment N-18089:

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Comment ID: N-18090

Comment ID: N-18090
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Comment ID: N-18091

Comment ID: N-18091
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Gary Lawson
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

So about that pollution thing and being "green"? With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18091:

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Comment ID: N-18092

Comment ID: N-18092
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Tyler DeSpain

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Comment ID: N-18094

Comment ID: N-18094
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jack Ebert

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Comment ID: N-18095

Comment ID: N-18095
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Comment ID: N-18096

Comment ID: N-18096
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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DO NOT expand the 29 Palms Military base without re-visiting ALL aspects of what Marines TRULY need for the near and distant future.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18096:

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Comment ID: N-18097

Comment ID: N-18097
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Paul Hoffman
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Orangevale, CA 95662

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Paul Hoffman

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Comment ID: N-18098

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Sincerely,

Matt Barnett

Response to Comment N-18098:

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Comment ID: N-18099

Comment ID: N-18099
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andrew Salazar
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Comment ID: N-18100

Comment ID: N-18100
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Harlan
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Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18100:

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Comment ID: N-18101

Comment ID: N-18101
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Grant Hullen
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Discovery Bay, CA 94505

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Response to Comment N-18101:

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Comment ID: N-18102

Comment ID: N-18102
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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John Williams

Response to Comment N-18102:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-18103

Comment ID: N-18103
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Michelle Huizar

Response to Comment N-18103:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

The USMC needs to carefully consider if they really need this area.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-18104:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18105

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18105:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18106

Comment ID: N-18106
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? With such a huge budget deficit our current training facilities seem at the very least adequate.

Sincerely,

Shane Kiss

Response to Comment N-18106:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18107

Comment ID: N-18107
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Is this land really needed? While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18107:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18108

Comment ID: N-18108
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18108:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18109

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? This is a very large abuse of funds in a time when financial responsibility should be on the mind of all of our leaders. Perhaps money would be better spent in affording a better quality of life to veterans and those injured in combat?

Sincerely,
Andrew Mc

Response to Comment N-18109:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18110

Comment ID: N-18110
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18110:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18111

Comment ID: N-18111
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops but i also love to off road and i am building a custom off road buggy right now. I plant to wheel this in JV when its done and i hope the land is not lost before i finish. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18111:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18112

Comment ID: N-18112
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18112:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18113

Comment ID: N-18113
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Hansi Stull

Response to Comment N-18113:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18114

Comment ID: N-18114
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Nedad Agic

Response to Comment N-18114:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18115

Comment ID: N-18115
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Harlan
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18115:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18116

Comment ID: N-18116
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Williams
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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18116:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18117

Comment ID: N-18117
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18117:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18118

Comment ID: N-18118
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Paul Hoffman
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18118:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-18119

Comment ID: N-18119
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Pheobie Clark-Erskine

Response to Comment N-18119:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18120

Comment ID: N-18120
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chad Kittelmann

Response to Comment N-18120:

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Comment ID: N-18121

Comment ID: N-18121
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18121:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18122

Comment ID: N-18122
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18122:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18123

Comment ID: N-18123
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Corbett
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Newburgh, NY 12550

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Other uses include the promotion of products and sales to people who use the land.

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18123:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18124

Comment ID: N-18124
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Samuel Sievert
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-18124:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18125

Comment ID: N-18125
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

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The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18125:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18126

Comment ID: N-18126
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18126:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18127

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Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Charlie Foran

Response to Comment N-18127:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-18128

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Spencer Clements

Response to Comment N-18128:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18129

Comment ID: N-18129
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Michelle Huizar
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Michelle Huizar

Response to Comment N-18129:

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Comment ID: N-18130

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18130:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18131

Comment ID: N-18131
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brandon Lowry
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Illegal OHV use is already a problem, remove places for LEGAL OHV use and it becomes a bigger problem. Without Johnson Valley, many OHV enthusiasts may resort to recreating on private land without permission, or in public areas where OHVs are not legally allowed.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-18131:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18132

Comment ID: N-18132
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Schmidt
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-18132:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18133

Comment ID: N-18133
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dustin Braaten
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. People need legal places to enjoy off OHV's. I foresee the closure of Johnson Valley being a constant battle to keep people out of the area. Public lands are being taken away at a fast rate, and Johnson Valley would be a huge loss for our sport.

Go East Marines.

Sincerely,

Dustin Braaten

Response to Comment N-18133:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18134

Comment ID: N-18134
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Shane Kiss
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and no one wants a Jeep driving through their backyard.

Sincerely,

Shane Kiss

Response to Comment N-18134:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18135

Comment ID: N-18135
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Gary Lawson
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Houston, TX 77092

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Don't make us do what we try so hard to prevent. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18135:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18136

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Adam Jacob
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,
Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18136:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18137

Comment ID: N-18137
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler Jones
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Tyler Jones

Response to Comment N-18137:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18138

Comment ID: N-18138
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler DeSpain
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space or other alternatives, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area and cause greater problems than maintaining the current use of Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-18138:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18139

Comment ID: N-18139
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Charlie Foran
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Charlie Foran

Response to Comment N-18139:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18140

Comment ID: N-18140
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andre Desilet
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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18140:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18141

Comment ID: N-18141
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan Hickox
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18141:

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Comment ID: N-18142

Comment ID: N-18142
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeremy Ford
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Sincerely,

Jeremy Ford

Response to Comment N-18142:

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Comment ID: N-18143

Comment ID: N-18143
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler Gowans
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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops but i also love to off road and i am building a custom off road buggy right now. i plant to wheel this in JV when its done and i hope the land is not lost before i finish. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18143:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18144

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Gardner

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Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18144:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18145

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18145:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18146

Comment ID: N-18146
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Nedad Agic
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Sincerely,
Nedad Agic

Response to Comment N-18146:

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Comment ID: N-18147

Comment ID: N-18147
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. John Williams
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Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18147:

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Comment ID: N-18148

Comment ID: N-18148
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Keep public lands open to the public, please.

Sincerely,

Kyle Millan

Response to Comment N-18148:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-18149

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Michelle Huizar
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Sacramento, CA 95815

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Michelle Huizar

Response to Comment N-18149:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18150

Comment ID: N-18150
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Terhune
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18150:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18151

Comment ID: N-18151
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Rhyland Schechter
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Rhyland Schechter

Response to Comment N-18151:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18152

Comment ID: N-18152
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Hauser
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-18152:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18153

Comment ID: N-18153
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Gary Lawson
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Houston, TX 77092

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Why was the window for commenting so short? The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18153:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18154

Comment ID: N-18154
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Theodore Umbaugh
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Theodore Umbaugh

Response to Comment N-18154:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18155

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Shane Kiss

Response to Comment N-18155:

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Comment ID: N-18156

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler DeSpain
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Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Please allow ample time for a full review and comments so that the best decision can be made.

Sincerely,

David Gill

Response to Comment N-18157:

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Comment ID: N-18158

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Norman England
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Quinton, VA 23141

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Norman England

Response to Comment N-18158:

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Sincerely,

Norman England

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Comment ID: N-18160
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Adam Jacob
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Crescent Springs, KY 41017

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18160:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18161

Comment ID: N-18161
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan Hickox
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18161:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18162

Comment ID: N-18162
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andre Desilet
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To Whom It May Concern:

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18162:

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Comment ID: N-18163

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jack Ebert
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Las Vegas, NV 89130

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18163:

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Comment ID: N-18164

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler Gowans
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Yuma, AZ 85367-3625

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops but i also love to off road and i am building a custom off road buggy right now. I plant to wheel this in JV when its done and i hope the land is not lost before i finish. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18164:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18165:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andrew Salazar
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Sincerely,

Andrew Salazar

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18167:

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Comment ID: N-18168

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Paul Hoffman
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Orangevale, CA 95662

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18168:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Nedad Agic
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Nedad Agic

Response to Comment N-18169:

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Comment ID: N-18170

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Barnett
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Atlanta, GA 30319

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Sincerely,

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Comment ID: N-18171

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chad Proctor
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Sincerely,
Chad Proctor

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Comment ID: N-18172

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Williams
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Saint George, UT 84770

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18172:

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Comment ID: N-18173

Comment ID: N-18173
Date Received: May 26, 2014

Mr. Thomas Corbett
33 McCall Place
Newburgh, NY 12550

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. I am sure there are many who have not been informed of this action or have the time to respond. I personally have found out that this has been fought for at least two weeks prior to the writing of this.

Sincerely,
Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18173:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18174

Comment ID: N-18174
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Gardner
25373 Frosty Meadow Lane
Aldie, VA 20105

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18174:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-18175

Comment ID: N-18175
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Hauser
185 Wolcott Avenue
Rochester, NY 14606

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Will the 29 Palms expansion occur under Environmental Protection Agency oversight?

If the laws created by Congress and promulgated by the EPA apply to the citizens of the United States, then they should apply equally to the military of the United States.

If "carbon footprint" is a valid environmental concern, then the massive number of diesel-burning military vehicles on maneuver through an expanded Johnson Valley should put this project to a halt.

If "carbon footprint" is bum science, then the US Marine Corps must invalidate this factor--for themselves and the general public--to consider moving forward with a 29 Palms expansion into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-18175:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-18176

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Environmental Impact Statement has not considered the Environmental Impact of the increased wheeled and tracked military vehicle traffic and the airborne dust created.

Air quality will be negatively impacted.

The EIS does not state how many water trucks will be necessary to cope with the dust created by a single MEB.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-18176:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-18177

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Marie Hauser
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Rochester, NY 14606

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. Please GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Marie Hauser

Response to Comment N-18177:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-18178

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

While OHV users have a decent carbon footprint, we also do many things to reduce that footprint. For example, fuel efficiency: all OHV users want maximum fuel efficiency for their off road rigs and tow rigs, for environmental AND economical reasons.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-18178:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18179:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Talk about pollution !With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18180:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-18181

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18181:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18182:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18183:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-18184

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andre Desilet
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18184:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18185:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-18186

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Will the 29 Palms expansion occur under Environmental Protection Agency oversight?

If the laws created by Congress and promulgated by the EPA apply to the citizens of the United States, then they should apply equally to the military of the United States.

If "carbon footprint" is a valid environmental concern, then the massive number of diesel-burning military vehicles on maneuver through an expanded Johnson Valley should put this project to a halt.

If "carbon footprint" is bum science, then the US Marine Corps must invalidate this factor--for themselves and the general public--to consider moving forward with a 29 Palms expansion into Johnson Valley.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18186:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Ford

Response to Comment N-18187:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops but I also love to off road and enjoy all the freedoms that America has to offer. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Truly, is this expansion based on the REAL needs of the Marine Corps in the near and distant future OR is it based on the by-gone needs of yesterday? The way the political, social, cultural, and financial status of the world has appeared recently, it looks as though EVERYTHING is different than it was just a few years ago. Listening to the expansion presentation given by the Marine Corps at a couple of different locations, most all of the planning for this expansion was decided on a VERY long time ago. The world is a different place and continuing with this expansion without ensuring it is what the Corps truly needs is a mistake that will not benefit the Corps and will hurt a large number of Americans along the way.

DO NOT expand the 29 Palms Military base without re-visiting ALL aspects of what Marines TRULY need for the near and distant future.
OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18188:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18190:

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Response to Comment N-18191:

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-18192:

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Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18193:

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Response to Comment N-18194:

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Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18195:

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Sincerely,
Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18197:

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Sincerely,

jack ebert

Response to Comment N-18198:

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18199:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18200:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-18201

Comment ID: N-18201
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Spencer Clements

Response to Comment N-18201:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Hoskin Jeff

Response to Comment N-18202:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18203

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Michael Bellew

Response to Comment N-18203:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18204

Comment ID: N-18204
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18204:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18205

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18205:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18206

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matt LaPierre

Response to Comment N-18206:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18207

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18207:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18208

Comment ID: N-18208
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops but I also love to off road and JV is the mecca of off roading.
Regarding the expansion of the 29 Palms Marine Base, if it expands west into the Johnson Valley recreation area, the economy of the towns directly around Johnson Valley will be greatly affected. Personally, my family spends multiple thousands of dollars per year in the local economy.

We recreate in the Johnson Valley area more than 15 weekends per year, going so far as to spend 14 days straight there during the time of the King of the Hammers Off Road Race, plus another couple of one week stretches throughout the year for race practice and/or family recreation time with my wife and two school-age sons.

Each time we arrive, we do so with no groceries and empty fuel tanks. We fill over 100 gallons at local gas stations EVERY VISIT WE MAKE...on longer visits, we fill over 200 gallons, with most of it being premium fuel. Then, we head to the local market to buy groceries. Also, if we need spare parts, we purchase them locally, plus we attend weekend fundraiser barbecues and pancake breakfasts, plus get camping gear and other supplies locally on a regular basis. Add it all up and the dollars taken away from the local economy from recreationalists like me is a HUGE sum of money. Big money in small towns that rely on our tourism dollars.

Don't take money out of the local community by moving west into the Johnson Valley Recreation Area.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18208:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18209

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Robert Sutter

Response to Comment N-18209:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18210

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, the area east of the base is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms than the area to the west.

Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18210:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18211

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops but i also love to off road and enjoy all the freedoms that america has to offer. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Truly, is this expansion based on the REAL needs of the Marine Corps in the near and distant future OR is it based on the by-gone needs of yesterday? The way the political, social, cultural, and financial status of the world has appeared recently, it looks as though EVERYTHING is different than it was just a few years ago. Listeneing to the expansion presentation given by the Marine Corps at a couple of different locations, most all of the planning for this expansion was decided on a VERY long time ago. The world is a different place and continuing with this expansion without ensuring it is what the Corps truly needs is a mistake that will not benefit the Corps and will hurt a large number of Americans along the way.

DO NOT expand the 29 Palms Military base without re-visiting ALL aspects of what Marines TRULY need for the near and distant future.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18211:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18212

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To Whom It May Concern:

Upon trying to find the proper mailing address for sending in my comments, I realized that it was not included in the DEIS document and was VERY difficult difficult to find, if not excluded, from every other typical place a concerned citizen may look when they try to find a way to submit any comments they have. I had to rely on a friend who finally dug it up on the Federal Register. How many Americans would know to look on the Federal Register to find an address so important to submitting their comments DURING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD? This alone is enough to demonstrate that people are NOT encouraged to submit their comments and views on this very important subject that affects millions of people.

Due to this major oversight (or possible planned act of discouraging the public to comment), a large percentage of the public may have not found a way to submit their opinions. This means the address(es) should be posted clearly and VERY publicly and the time-period for comments extended.

Furthermore, the amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents.

That is two-strikes against the way the public comment period has been handled and all-the-more reason to review what has gone wrong, correct the blatant mistakes, and extend the public comment period to a length of time that satisfies the condition that Americans get a truly fair shot at reviewing all of the documents and issues and having a simple and effective way for them to submit their comments because this time, you'll actually provide the mailing address in locations where EVERYONE who is interested, can find it. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18212:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18213

Comment ID: N-18213
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, the area east of the base is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms than the area to the west.

Sincerely,

Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18213:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18214

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bob Sanderson

Response to Comment N-18214:

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Comment ID: N-18215

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Please take this into consideration

JOEY VIEIRA

Sincerely,

Joey¹ Vieira

Response to Comment N-18215:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18216

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

I have never actually had the opportunity to travel to Johnson Valley OHV but I would like to have that ability when I return home from overseas. Being in the military I understand the need for additional training areas but I also enjoy outdoor recreation. I believe that if you expanded east then we could both benefit.

V/r,

Robert Reynolds

Sincerely,

Robert Reynolds

Response to Comment N-18216:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18217

Comment ID: N-18217
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rick DeJarnett

Response to Comment N-18217:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18218

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Sincerely,

Katherine DeJarnett

Response to Comment N-18218:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18219

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

This approach makes much more sense and would allow the continued use of trails important to my family and I. I was born and raised in the Imperial Valley and have witnessed a continued erosion of the rights I grew up enjoying. I have ridden motorcycles, atvs, and four wheelers all over the Imperial Dunes and the Johnson Valley area and can only tell my children stories of the wonderful experiences I used to enjoy and the amazing desert scenes I once used to gaze upon. I can no longer get to them because of continued closures and limited access. DONT CLOSE ANY MORE AREAS. My son, daughter, wife, and I would like to be able to travel some of the trails I used to ride/drive with my parents when I was young.

Sincerely,

Phil Beauchamp

Response to Comment N-18219:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18220

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Gary Battles

Response to Comment N-18220:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18221

Comment ID: N-18221
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, the area east of the base is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms than the area to the west.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18221:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18222

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matt Barnett

Response to Comment N-18222:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18223

Comment ID: N-18223
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,
hansi stull

Response to Comment N-18223:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18224

Comment ID: N-18224
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

brad holloway

Response to Comment N-18224:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18225

Comment ID: N-18225
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Aaron Austin

Response to Comment N-18225:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18226

Comment ID: N-18226
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18226:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18227

Comment ID: N-18227
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18227:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18228

Comment ID: N-18228

Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Corbett
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. By not moving into where people current recreate, there will be no need to worry about stragglers who have not heard of the closing and attempt to gain entrance into JV. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18228:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18229

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18229:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18230

Comment ID: N-18230
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Terhune
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18230:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18231

Comment ID: N-18231
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ford

Response to Comment N-18231:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18232

Comment ID: N-18232
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. This seems like a win win.

Sincerely,
randall allen

Response to Comment N-18232:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18233

Comment ID: N-18233
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Michelle Huizar
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Michelle Huizar

Response to Comment N-18233:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18234

Comment ID: N-18234
Date Received: May 28, 2011

Mr. Brandon Lowry
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Not only during the KOH race, but throughout the year, off-highway and other recreational uses brings thousands of users to the area. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-18234:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18235

Comment ID: N-18235
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Terhune
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Terhune

Response to Comment N-18235:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18236

Comment ID: N-18236
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,
Rhyland Schechter

Response to Comment N-18236:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18237

Comment ID: N-18237
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18237:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18238

Comment ID: N-18238
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christopher Hauser
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Rochester, NY 14606

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

People wander in the desert. It is fun to explore. People currently wander onto the existing 29 Palms base.

Many more people would wander onto an expanded 29 Palms if the base expands into an area that the public has been long accustomed to using.

The public does not much use the area East of 29 Palms. This area would be ideal from a safety standpoint for a base expansion.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-18238:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18239

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Theodore Umbaugh

Response to Comment N-18239:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18240

Comment ID: N-18240
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler DeSpain
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-18240:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18241

Comment ID: N-18241
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Gill
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Houston, TX 77055

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. The general public has been using this area for many years and there is no way to notify all of them of the changes. By using Johnson Valley there is an increased risk of people entering 29 Palms without realizing it. This puts the public and marines at increased risk.

Please move East Marines!

Sincerely,

David Gill

Response to Comment N-18241:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18242

Comment ID: N-18242
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Gary Lawson
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Houston, TX 77092

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To Whom It May Concern:

Gonna be a lot of fencing to put up. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18242:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18243

Comment ID: N-18243
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Norman England

Response to Comment N-18243:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18244

Comment ID: N-18244
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18244:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18245

Comment ID: N-18245
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18245:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18246

Comment ID: N-18246
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

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Andrew Salazar

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Sincerely,
Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18248:

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Comment ID: N-18249

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Please do not take this OHV area away from the people that value it the most.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18249:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-18250:

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Comment ID: N-18251

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Chad Proctor

Response to Comment N-18251:

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Comment ID: N-18252

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18252:

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Comment ID: N-18253

Comment ID: N-18253
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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brad holloway

Response to Comment N-18253:

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Comment ID: N-18254

Comment ID: N-18254
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

gary battles

Response to Comment N-18254:

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Comment ID: N-18255

Comment ID: N-18255
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. This creates a concern for safety and security.

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18255:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-18256

Comment ID: N-18256
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-18256:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18257

Comment ID: N-18257
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-18257:

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Comment ID: N-18258

Comment ID: N-18258
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Fernando Villegas

Response to Comment N-18258:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18259

Comment ID: N-18259
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith

Response to Comment N-18259:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18260

Comment ID: N-18260
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Paul Rizzo

Response to Comment N-18260:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18261

Comment ID: N-18261
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-18261:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18262

Comment ID: N-18262
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Marie Hauser

Response to Comment N-18262:

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Comment ID: N-18263

Comment ID: N-18263
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andrew Dobosh
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Sincerely,

Andrew Dobosh

Response to Comment N-18263:

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Comment ID: N-18264

Comment ID: N-18264
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This issue is very important and is lacking the full consideration that it needs. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Robert Sutter

Response to Comment N-18264:

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Comment ID: N-18265

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rhyland Schechter

Response to Comment N-18265:

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Comment ID: N-18266

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Robbie McIntosh

Response to Comment N-18266:

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Comment ID: N-18267

Comment ID: N-18267
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tim Linder

Response to Comment N-18267:

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Comment ID: N-18268

Comment ID: N-18268
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andre Desilet

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I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-18269:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18270

Comment ID: N-18270
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-18270:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18271

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Mike Burt

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Comment ID: N-18272

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

David Gill

Response to Comment N-18272:

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Sincerely,

Norman England

Response to Comment N-18274:

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Comment ID: N-18275

Comment ID: N-18275
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18275:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18276

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18276:

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Comment ID: N-18277

Comment ID: N-18277
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Theodore Umbaugh

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Comment ID: N-18278

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,
Jeremy Ford

Response to Comment N-18278:

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Comment ID: N-18279

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

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Comment ID: N-18280

Comment ID: N-18280
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18280:

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Comment ID: N-18281

Comment ID: N-18281
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Charlie Foran

Response to Comment N-18281:

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Comment ID: N-18282

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

hansi stull

Response to Comment N-18282:

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Comment ID: N-18283

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron Young

Response to Comment N-18283:

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Comment ID: N-18284

Comment ID: N-18284
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The Johnson Valley OHV Recreation Area (JVOHVRA) is unique in the United States as it is not only the largest area in the state of California, but it is also by far the largest OHV open area in the United States. The JVOHVRA attracts people from all walks of life, from the US and internationally due to its unique terrain and motorized recreation opportunities. The annual "King of the Hammers" (KOH) race brings 15000-20000 participants and spectators annually to the Means Dry Lakebed from all over the USA as well as Germany, Italy, Japan, Australia, Russia, Brazil, Mexico, and many others over just one week in February.

People travel around the globe to recreate in the JVOHVRA. The loss of lands from a westward expansion cannot be mitigated. These lands cannot be replaced and would be a devastating loss to OHV recreation.

An eastward expansion is the only way to preserve OHV recreation opportunities.

Sincerely,

Kris Tholke

Response to Comment N-18284:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18285

Comment ID: N-18285
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Katherine DeJarnett

Response to Comment N-18285:

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Comment ID: N-18286

Comment ID: N-18286
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

doug fulfs

Response to Comment N-18286:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18287

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Comment ID: N-18288

Comment ID: N-18288
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Paul Hoffman
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Comment ID: N-18289

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please let us keep Johnson Valley open for the wheelers.

Josh

Sincerely,

Josh Milek

Response to Comment N-18289:

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Comment ID: N-18290

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Drew Reynolds

Response to Comment N-18290:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18291

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Mike Whitehead

Response to Comment N-18291:

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Comment ID: N-18292

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Barnett

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Adam Garrett

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Comment ID: N-18294

Comment ID: N-18294
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sirs, I frequent this area two to three times per yer! That is about a 1000 mile round trip for me each time I go! Why? Because I love it there. There are no other areas as remote and challenging as Johnson valley ohv area. It is a jewel for off roading and must remain open to the public. Please go east and leave this wonderful land open to the public.

Sincerely,

Jeremie Dick

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Jeremie Dick

Response to Comment N-18294:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18295

Comment ID: N-18295
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. There are few areas in the country as important to OHV users as Johnson Valley., The loss of JV would be detrimental to OHV use in Southern Cal.

Sincerely,
randall allen

Response to Comment N-18295:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18296

Comment ID: N-18296
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Should these locations continue to close around the country, an entire industry could be seriously affected in an adverse way.

Sincerely,

Thomas Corbett

Response to Comment N-18296:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18297

Comment ID: N-18297
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Garrett Morrow

Response to Comment N-18297:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18298

Comment ID: N-18298
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Andrew Salazar

Response to Comment N-18298:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18299

Comment ID: N-18299
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

John Williams

Response to Comment N-18299:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18300

Comment ID: N-18300
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. My life is based around having fun off-road, as well as many others. Please do not close down a MAJOR part of OHV areal This would be DEVASTATING to our big OHV family!

Sincerely,
Ryan Piggott

Response to Comment N-18300:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18301

Comment ID: N-18301
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Please keep public lands public.

Sincerely,

Kyle Millan

Response to Comment N-18301:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18302

Comment ID: N-18302
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

sean farrar

Response to Comment N-18302:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18303

Comment ID: N-18303
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,
Grant Hullen

Response to Comment N-18303:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18304

Comment ID: N-18304
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Harian

Response to Comment N-18304:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-18305

Comment ID: N-18305
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,
Brian Smith

Response to Comment N-18305:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18306

Comment ID: N-18306
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Michelle Huizar
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Michelle Huizar

Response to Comment N-18306:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18307

Comment ID: N-18307
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Rhyland Schechter

Response to Comment N-18307:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18308

Comment ID: N-18308
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

29 Palms needs to expand East. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied as a viable alternative because those lands are rarely used by the public. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East and not encroach on the public lands known as Johnson Valley OHV area. Johnson Valley is used by thousands and thousands yearly and is an asset to the local economies of Lucerne, Yucca, and Apple Valleys.

Sincerely,
Jesse Rivers

Response to Comment N-18308:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18309

Comment ID: N-18309
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Robbie McIntosh

Response to Comment N-18309:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18310

Comment ID: N-18310
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18310:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18311

Comment ID: N-18311
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East. And if both parties can be appeased so easily, why would the Marines not consider it?

Sincerely,

Shane Kiss

Response to Comment N-18311:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18312

Comment ID: N-18312
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Schmidt
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-18312:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18313

Comment ID: N-18313
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Gill
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

David Gill

Response to Comment N-18313:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18314

Comment ID: N-18314
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Gary Lawson
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Houston, TX 77092

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Use the useless land instead of letting it sit and waste away simply because some politician with an agenda said it was off limits. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,
Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18314:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18315

Comment ID: N-18315
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler DeSpain
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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-18315:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18316

Comment ID: N-18316
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Norman England

Response to Comment N-18316:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18317

Comment ID: N-18317
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,
Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18317:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18318

Comment ID: N-18318
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18318:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18319

Comment ID: N-18319
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Theodore Umbaugh
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Theodore Umbaugh

Response to Comment N-18319:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18320

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18320:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18321

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ford

Response to Comment N-18321:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18322

Comment ID: N-18322
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Upon trying to find the proper mailing address for sending in my comments, I realized that it was not included in the DEIS document and was VERY difficult difficult to find, if not excluded, from every other typical place a concerned citizen may look when they try to find a way to submit any comments they have. I had to rely on a friend who finally dug it up on the Federal Register. How many Americans would know to look on the Federal Register to find an address so important to submitting their comments DURING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD? This alone is enough to demonstrate that people are NOT encouraged to submit their comments and views on this very important subject that affects millions of people.

Due to this major oversight (or possible planned act of discouraging the public to comment), a large percentage of the public may have not found a way to submit their opinions. This means the address(es) should be posted clearly and VERY publicly and the time-period for comments extended.

Furthermore, the amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents.

That is two-strikes against the way the public comment period has been handled and all-the-more reason to review what has gone wrong, correct the blatant mistakes, and extend the public comment period to a length of time that satisfies the condition that Americans get a truly fair shot at reviewing all of the documents and issues and having a simple and effective way for them to submit their comments because this time, you'll actually provide the mailing address in locations where EVERYONE who is interested, can find it. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18322:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-18323

Comment ID: N-18323
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

An eastward expansion can provide for a similar gain in training area without impeding on the largest BLM OHV open area in the United States. The loss of lands to the west may cause future problems due to the reduction of areas available to OHV recreation by additional pressures on other areas elsewhere in the state. An eastward expansion is the only way to guarantee adequate lands for both Marine Corps training needs -AND- the needs of the American public for OHV recreation purposes.

Sincerely,

Kris Tholke

Response to Comment N-18323:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18324

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Paul Hoffman

Response to Comment N-18324:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18325

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. This option makes much more sense...do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Phil Beauchamp

Response to Comment N-18325:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18326

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Gary Battles

Response to Comment N-18326:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18327

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matt Barnett

Response to Comment N-18327:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Andrew Salazar

Response to Comment N-18328:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The redesignation of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

There is no reason not to consider the redesignation of the piece of the Sheep Hole Wilderness directly East of the existing 29 Palms Marine Base. This area is not critical habitat; the remaining area within the Wilderness is the 'real' habitat. This would provide the air space requirements necessary to support the ground troops.

Sincerely,
Steven Gardiner

Response to Comment N-18329:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18330

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms were to expand East.

Sincerely,

Matthew Andino

Response to Comment N-18330:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18331

Comment ID: N-18331
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. I want to experience the King of the Hammers race for years to come. I haven't been able to fully participate since I have been earning my Bachelors degree and I have recently accepted a job at a local utility. I plan to spend my paychecks on my vehicles and camping equipment because it is what gets me through the day. I love the outdoors and especially the California Desert. Please reconsider your choice and go east.

Sincerely,

Michael Contreras

Response to Comment N-18331:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18332

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events. It is so famed in the off-road community, that my family and I travel all the way from Virginia every year!

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Thank you,
-Kyle Meyer

Sincerely,

Kyle Meyer

Response to Comment N-18332:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18333

Comment ID: N-18333
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Grant Hullen

Response to Comment N-18333:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Thomas Harlan

Response to Comment N-18334:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-18335

Comment ID: N-18335
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Spencer Clements
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Every time I go to Johnson Valley, I fuel up main and aux. fuel tanks, and buy all of the food and supplies I need for the weekend - either in Yucca Valley or Apple Valley. I know that this is true with THOUSANDS of other people travelling out to Johnson Valley every year, including active duty and retired Marines. Closing Johnson Valley to the public (even if there is a little piece left open) will have a devastating impact on local economy - especially with people spending more and more as time goes by due to rock crawling and rock racing becoming 'popular' and more mainstream. Thank you for regarding the impact that closing Johnson Valley will have on the area's economy and considering alternative areas to use for training.

Sincerely,

Spencer Clements

Response to Comment N-18335:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18336

Comment ID: N-18336
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Brian Anderson

Response to Comment N-18336:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18337

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Mary Clark-Erskine
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Mary Clark-Erskine

Response to Comment N-18337:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18338

Comment ID: N-18338
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Michelle Huizar

Response to Comment N-18338:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18339

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. So much is brought in by wheelers it would destroy the local economy.

Sincerely,

Eric Stenzel

Response to Comment N-18339:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18340

Comment ID: N-18340
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ben Piepenbring
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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the expansion of the 29 Palms Marine Base, if it expands west into the Johnson Valley recreation area, the economy of the towns directly around Johnson Valley will be greatly affected. Personally, my family spends multiple thousands of dollars per year in the local economy.

We recreate in the Johnson Valley area more than 15 weekends per year, going so far as to spend 14 days straight there during the time of the King of the Hammers Off Road Race, plus another couple of one week stretches throughout the year for race practice and/or family recreation time with my wife and two school-age sons.

Each time we arrive, we do so with no groceries and empty fuel tanks. We fill over 100 gallons at local gas stations EVERY VISIT WE MAKE...on longer visits, we fill over 200 gallons, with most of it being premium fuel. Then, we head to the local market to buy groceries. Also, if we need spare parts, we purchase them locally, plus we attend weekend fundraiser barbecues and pancake breakfasts, plus get camping gear and other supplies locally on a regular basis. Add it all up and the dollars taken away from the local economy from recreationalists like me is a HUGE sum of money. Big money in small towns that rely on our tourism dollars.

Don't take money out of the local community by moving west into the Johnson Valley Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

Ben Piepenbring

Response to Comment N-18340:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18341

Comment ID: N-18341
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Haylie Coon

Response to Comment N-18341:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18342

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Regarding the expansion of the 29 Palms Marine Base, if it expands west into the Johnson Valley recreation area, the economy of the towns directly around Johnson Valley will be greatly affected. Personally, my family spends multiple thousands of dollars per year in the local economy.

We recreate in the Johnson Valley area more than 15 weekends per year, going so far as to spend 14 days straight there during the time of the King of the Hammers Off Road Race, plus another couple of one week stretches throughout the year for race practice and/or family recreation time with my wife and two school-age sons.

Each time we arrive, we do so with no groceries and empty fuel tanks. We fill over 100 gallons at local gas stations EVERY VISIT WE MAKE...on longer visits, we fill over 200 gallons, with most of it being premium fuel. Then, we head to the local market to buy groceries. Also, if we need spare parts, we purchase them locally, plus we attend weekend fundraiser barbecues and pancake breakfasts, plus get camping gear and other supplies locally on a regular basis. Add it all up and the dollars taken away from the local economy from recreationalists like me is a HUGE sum of money. Big money in small towns that rely on our tourism dollars.

Don't take money out of the local community by moving west into the Johnson Valley Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-18342:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18343

Comment ID: N-18343
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Please GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Marie Hauser

Response to Comment N-18343:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Rhyland Schechter

Response to Comment N-18344:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18345

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Every time I go to Johnson Valley, I fuel up main and aux. fuel tanks, and buy all of the food and supplies I need for the weekend - either in Yucca Valley or Apple Valley. I know that this is true with THOUSANDS of other people travelling out to Johnson Valley every year, including active duty and retired Marines. Closing Johnson Valley to the public (even if there is a little piece left open) will have a devastating impact on local economy - especially with people spending more and more as time goes by due to rock crawling and rock racing becoming 'popular' and more mainstream. Thank you for regarding the impact that closing Johnson Valley will have on the area's economy and considering alternative areas to use for training.

Sincerely,
Robbie McIntosh

Response to Comment N-18345:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
My friends & I shop, eat, & stay in the area.
Going elsewhere, would change that.

Sincerely,

Michael Bellew

Response to Comment N-18346:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The off road industry employs countless people in other states as well.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV.

This increases use on the few remaining areas open, causing them to be eventually closed. There is a huge interest in ohv use. I spend time in non-motorized areas as well and there is no comparison to the public actually using and enjoying an ohv area. At some point there needs to be some consideration for the families and individuals that have created memories in this area for years. There has to be some other way to expand the marines area without taking one of the last few decent ohv areas away.

Sincerely,
Scott Evans

Response to Comment N-18347:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Local businesses rely on the tourism dollars generated by all of the off highway enthusiasts visiting the Johnson Valley off highway area. The Marines expansion into this area will close the OHV area and negatively affect the businesses in the area.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Wubben

Response to Comment N-18348:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-18349:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Sincerely,
Andre Desilet

Response to Comment N-18350:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Dan Hickox

Response to Comment N-18351:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy and cripple the surrounding towns.

Sincerely,

Shane Kiss

Response to Comment N-18352:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The local towns rely on the OHV users to bring business to the area. When people pass through town, they will pick up groceries, top off their fuel tanks, by t-shirts, and rent a motel. If the USMC takes over Johnson Valley, these towns will no longer have the tourist attraction that helps bring in the money.

Sincerely,

Dustin Braaten

Response to Comment N-18353:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jason Schmidt

Response to Comment N-18354:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Sincerely,

Mark Anderson

Response to Comment N-18355:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Kevin Samuel

Response to Comment N-18356:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Local businesses rely on the tourism dollars generated by all of the off highway enthusiasts visiting the Johnson Valley off highway area. The Marines expansion into this area will close the OHV area and negatively affect the businesses in the area.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-18357:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18358

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. What are the marines plans to help remedy this for the locals?

Sincerely,

Gary Lawson

Response to Comment N-18358:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18359

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The OHV use in Johnson Valley brings in significant income for the area on a regular basis. By expanding West, this source of income for the area would completely disappear and cause great hardship for the local area. Please go EAST Marines.

Sincerely,

David Gill

Response to Comment N-18359:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Every time I go to Johnson Valley, I fuel up main and aux. fuel tanks, and buy all of the food and supplies I need for the weekend - either in Yucca Valley or Apple Valley. I know that this is true with THOUSANDS of other people travelling out to Johnson Valley every year, including active duty and retired Marines. Closing Johnson Valley to the public (even if there is a little piece left open) will have a devastating impact on local economy - especially with people spending more and more as time goes by due to rock crawling and rock racing becoming 'popular' and more mainstream. Thank you for regarding the impact that closing Johnson Valley will have on the area's economy and considering alternative areas to use for training.

Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-18360:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Adam Jacob

Response to Comment N-18361:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18362

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Theodore Umbaugh

Response to Comment N-18362:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jack Ebert

Response to Comment N-18363:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-18364

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

To Whom It May Concern,

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Go somewhere else. Please reconsider your decision. Thank you. Jody Ardrey, ARNP

Sincerely,

Jody ardrey

Response to Comment N-18364:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Joshua Gardner

Response to Comment N-18365:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops but i also love to off road and i am building a custom off road buggy right now. i plant to wheel this in JV when its done and i hope the land is not lost before i finish. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-18366:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.