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ANNOUNCEMENT RE: TEMPORARY LAND CLOSURE IN JOHNSON VALLEY

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. –

As of today August 11, 2017, the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area is temporarily closed to the public. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has transferred management of the Shared Use Area to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center for scheduled military training.

The congressionally approved Shared Use Area is temporarily closed to the public August 11-25, 2017, while the Marine Corps conducts training to support a large-scale exercise. The closure period will include the time required to ensure the area is clear of recreation activity prior to training and to confirm the land is clear of hazards prior to reopening for public access.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) reminds all that more than 43,000 acres within the adjacent Johnson Valley OHV Recreation Area will remain open to the public during the closure of the Shared Use Area and off-road enthusiasts can also enjoy the nearby Stoddard Valley OHV Open Area. All motorized recreation use in the area surrounding the Johnson Valley OHV Recreation Area is limited to signed designated routes.

The Marine Corps will continue to implement robust public outreach to ensure the public is immediately informed of the land return to BLM after training has concluded.

For additional information including a map of the area, please visit:

<http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5-Government-and-External-Affairs/Johnson-Valley> or contact the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Public Affairs Office at 760-830-6213 or SMBPLMSWEBPAO@usmc.mil.