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**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING LAND USE IN THE JOHNSON VALLEY AREA**

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

The Johnson Valley Shared Use Area will be temporarily closed to the public August 1-30, 2017 while the Marine Corps conducts military training to support a large-scale exercise.

This closure period will include the time required to ensure the Shared Use Area is clear of recreation activity prior to training, and confirm the land is clear of hazards prior to reopening the land for public access. The adjacent Johnson Valley OHV Recreation Area will remain open to the public during the closure of the Shared Use Area. The Marine Corps will continue to conduct outreach to ensure the public is informed of the temporary change in land use.

Representatives from the Marine Corps and the Bureau of Land Management will host a Resource Management Group meeting about land use in the Shared Use Area on April 1, 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate the Marine Corps' plans to conduct a large-scale exercise August 1-30, 2017. Information concerning temporary land closures of the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area and public safety information will be discussed with attendees. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

The meeting will take place at the Lucerne Valley Community Center from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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For the latest information concerning the land use changes in Johnson Valley, including a map of the area, please visit <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G5-Government-and-External-Affairs/Johnson-Valley>.