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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 11-25, 2017 while the Marine Corps conducts training to support a large-scale exercise. It was determined the window of closure for military use could be shortened from the previous announcement of August 1-30, 2017 after the Marine Corps refined the scope of training.

The closure period will include the time required to ensure the Shared Use Area is clear of recreation activity prior to training and to confirm the land is clear of hazards prior to reopening the land for public access.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) states that over 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.

The public is reminded that 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 informed of the temporary change in land use.

In addition, the Marine Corps has announced the next planned use of the Shared Use Area for military training in August 1-30, 2018, honoring the commitment to provide a minimum of 12 months advance notice to the public of training in the Shared Use Area.

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  
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