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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, 2018 while the Marine Corps conducts training to support a large-scale exercise.

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.

Additionally, 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 14, 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate the Marine Corps' plan to conduct a large-scale exercise August 1-30, 2018. 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 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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 760-830-3737 or SMBPLMSJOHNSONVALLEY@usmc.mil.