



**Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC)
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC)
Twentynine Palms, CA**



**Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment in Support of
Marine Corps Training Exercises**

The Project Update Notices provide new information to augment public documents available on MCAGCC's Land Acquisition Study webpage.

Project Update Notice #28, August 2019

➤ **Notice of Land Use Status in Johnson Valley**

The Johnson Valley Shared Use Area will remain open to the public August 1-30, 2019. In effort to be a good neighbor, the Combat Center elected to cancel the previously scheduled closure when it was no longer a necessity, due to changes in the scope of training. Military activities during this time will be limited to ranges within installation boundaries, including recent expansion lands.

Upcoming closures of the Shared Use Area for military training are scheduled for the following dates:

- 30 April – 11 May 2020
- 30 October – 09 November 2020
- 30 April – 10 May 2021
- 29 October – 08 November 2021

The closure periods will include the necessary time required to complete pre and post inspections of the land with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Marine Corps will continue to implement robust public outreach to ensure the public is informed of the temporary change in land use. If you have questions on land use in Johnson Valley, please call the Government and External Affairs Office at (760) 830-3737, email smbplmsjohnsonvalley@usmc.mil, or visit <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Government-and-External-Affairs/Johnson-Valley/>.

➤ **Special Use Airspace Establishment to Support Military Training Requirements**

- Marines must train as they fight. Realistic combined-arms, live-fire and maneuver training is critical to achieving mission success – and such training can only be achieved with sufficient Special Use Airspace (SUA) to utilize and coordinate aircraft, airborne and ground fires, and the operations to support these activities in the manner they would be undertaken in the combat theater.
- In August 2018, the Marine Corps submitted a proposal to the FAA for Permanent SUA. However, the process of establishing permanent airspace will likely take three years to complete. In the interim, the Marine Corps has requested *Temporary* SUA to support MAGTF training exercises in 2020 for effective dates 30 April – 11 May and 30 October – 09 November. Although Temporary SUA does not fulfill ALL training requirements, it enables the Marine Corps to undertake meaningful large-scale, combined-arms and maneuver training in the new training lands provided by Congress.
- The Marine Corps is currently conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze potential impacts of the proposed establishment of Permanent SUA and modifications to existing SUA at the Combat Center to support year round training. Information on the EA process, including the public involvement schedule may be accessed at: <http://29palmspsua.com/>
- For smaller-scale training objectives and to support ongoing daily training activities 365 days per year, the FAA established Controlled Firing Area (CFA) over the expanded area of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. The CFA is currently effective through August 23, 2020.
- For more information on CFA or current SUA status, pilots are encouraged to contact BEARMAT on 127.125 during their flight planning.
- Additional information about airspace at MCAGCC can be found on the airspace website at: <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/airspace>

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