



**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 #30 Dec 2020

➤ **Annual Resource Management Group Public Meeting (2020)**

In the interest of public health, the Marine Corps and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cancelled the annual Resource Management Group meeting that was scheduled on Saturday June 20, 2020 at the Yucca Valley Community Center. In lieu of a physical public meeting for 2020, this Project Notice serves as an update on land management of the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area and allows an opportunity for public comment. Each comment provided via the email below will be recorded and a response provided.

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

The Resource Management Group would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for their support in helping to communicate land use changes in the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area. On October 30, 2020, the Marine Corps closed the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area for critical military training. The area was cleared of all recreational activity prior to conducting training. During the training exercise period, the Marine Corps implemented manned gates and checkpoints to prevent public trespass into the training area.

In order to adhere to the Marine Corps' current and progressive service-level training requirements, the Combat Center must provide ample space for Marines to train for real-life scenarios in an environment that challenges service members to fight against a free-thinking adversary with similar capabilities in a force-on-force, free-play environment. During this period, the Marine Corps conducted a set of Service Level Training Exercises aboard the installation to include the Marine Air Ground Task Force Warfighting Exercise (MWX). This closure supported MWX, a non-live fire training evolution. To see photos and learn more about this training, please go to <https://www.dvidshub.net/>

The Combat Center is committed to building positive relationships with the surrounding community and has worked with the BLM to establish guidelines in managing the Shared Use Area so that it is safely available to the public for more than 80% of each year. In partnership with the BLM, the Marine Corps conducted pre and post inspections of the area to insure public safety for the transfer of management. On Nov 9, 2020, the management of the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area was transferred back to the BLM for public use. The Marine Corps worked with local community groups, law enforcement and BLM to notify the public of upcoming closure dates. In concurrence with the RMG, the 2020 Shared Use Area closure was successful and without incident, meeting all of the requirements outlined in the Implementation Plan and Public Outreach plan.

The Marine Corps has scheduled military training in the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area on the following dates:

- 30 April – 10 May 2021
- 15 October – 01 November 2021

The closure periods include the necessary time required to inspect the land and ensure it is clear of any hazards prior to reopening to the public. The adjacent Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area is unaffected by closures of the Shared Use Area and remains open for recreation and off-roading.

For questions about military training in Johnson Valley, or to be added to our email list, please email the Resource Management Group at smbplmsjohnsonvalley@usmc.mil.

➤ **Public Input**

- The Resource Management Group requests your input on the recent Johnson Valley Shared Use Area closure. To provide public comment, please call 760-830-3737 or email smbplmsjohnsonvalley@usmc.mil

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