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JOHNSON VALLEY SHARED USE AREA TEMPORARY CLOSURE IN FEBRUARY 2023 CANCELLED - AREA WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE

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

The Johnson Valley Shared Use Area will remain open to the public during the previously scheduled closure period of February 17 through 27, 2023.

The training exercise that will occur over this period has been refined to meet specific training objectives and requires a smaller footprint than a typical Service-Level Training Exercise. In spirit of the Combat Center's commitment to keeping the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area open to the public for the maximum time feasible, the Combat Center has elected to not temporarily close the area, keeping it open for public use.

Although the Shared Use Area will remain open to the public at this time, training will be underway within Combat Center boundaries including adjacent expansion areas. Marine units participating in the training exercise will safely travel through the Shared Use Area. The public should avoid military vehicles.

In addition, Johnson Valley Shared Use Area closure dates for fall 2023 have been adjusted. The area will now be closed to the public from August 18 through August 28, 2023. These dates replace the previously announced closure period of August 25 through September 4, 2023.

For additional information, including a map of the Johnson Valley Shared Use Area and adjacent Combat Center boundaries, please visit: www.29palms.marines.mil/johnsonvalley/ or email the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at SMBPLMSJOHNSONVALLEY@usmc.mil.