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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Eric Longenecker

Response to Comment N-01812:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Greg Delmage

Response to Comment N-01813:

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Sincerely,

James Moore

Response to Comment N-01814:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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As a recent visitor of Johnson Valley OHV, I am very passionate about keeping it open and available for continued responsible/legal recreating and 4x4 Offroad use for years to come with my family.

I whole heartedly support our military and appreciate the need for training. Having visited the area and exploring much of the OHV area, I firmly believe there are alternatives for training areas which do not involve the closure of the Johnson Valley OHV Area for public use.

Wade Leishman
President 2011/2012 - Santa Cruz 4 Wheel Drive Club (831) 332-8264 - Cell

Sincerely,

Wade Leishman

Response to Comment N-01815:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-01816

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My husband was a recent visitor of Johnson Valley OHV, I am very passionate about keeping it open and available for continued responsible/legal recreating and 4x4 Offroad use for years to come with my family.

We whole heartedly support our military and appreciate the need for training. Having visited the area and exploring much of the OHV area, we firmly believe there are alternatives for training areas which do not involve the closure of the Johnson Valley OHV Area for public use.

Dewana Leishman

Sincerely,

Dewana Leishman

Response to Comment N-01816:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

william zhmendak

Response to Comment N-01817:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Philip Provience

Response to Comment N-01818:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Mike Billups

Response to Comment N-01819:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Joe Fernandez

Response to Comment N-01820:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Robert J. Boening Jr.

Response to Comment N-01821:

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Sincerely,

Wade Probst

Response to Comment N-01822:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Rocky Hill

Response to Comment N-01823:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01824

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Sincerely,

Craig Baum

Response to Comment N-01824:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ryan Higgins

Response to Comment N-01825:

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Comment ID: N-01826

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

sean duggan

Response to Comment N-01826:

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Comment ID: N-01827

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Mike Johnson

Response to Comment N-01827:

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Comment ID: N-01828

Comment ID: N-01828
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

These small businesses are the core to local economic stability. King of the Hammers generates a huge stimulus to the local residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Jayson Mitchell

Response to Comment N-01828:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01829

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

John Christiansen

Response to Comment N-01829:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01830

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dave Storm

Response to Comment N-01830:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01831

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Sincerely,

Tom Naylor

Response to Comment N-01831:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01832

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. While the local economy would take greatest hit in their economic stability, closing Johnson Valley will spread devistation throughout entire OHV industry.

Sincerely,

Michael Boyle

Response to Comment N-01832:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01833

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Sincerely,

William Ratliff

Response to Comment N-01833:

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Comment ID: N-01834

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-01834:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01835

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

rick aplet

Response to Comment N-01835:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01836

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Johnson Valley has been at the center of so much business growth over the past few years and to take it away would be almost criminal to not only the local folks but people all around the world.

Sincerely,

Mike Stewart

Response to Comment N-01836:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-01837

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Sincerely,

Philip Brock

Response to Comment N-01837:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01838

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Sincerely,

Anthony Velasquez

Response to Comment N-01838:

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Comment ID: N-01839

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The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. These companies would have to travel further, probably out of California to continue testing their products in a similar area.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lowry

Response to Comment N-01839:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01840

Comment ID: N-01840
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Greg Swann

Response to Comment N-01840:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01841

Comment ID: N-01841
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

William Garza

Response to Comment N-01841:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01842

Comment ID: N-01842
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Matt Spencer

Response to Comment N-01842:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01843

Comment ID: N-01843
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

jefffrey Simmers

Response to Comment N-01843:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01844

Comment ID: N-01844
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. With the area being closed off, enthusiasts would be spending dramatically less money for products and then money for travel to travel to areas such as Johnson Valley. Please GO EAST MARINES!

Sincerely,

Christopher Hauser

Response to Comment N-01844:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-01845

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With our economy still on the rocks, eliminating the King of the Hammers off-road event would have a negative impact on a local economitic recovery.

Sincerely,

John McGrady

Response to Comment N-01845:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01846

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

RYAN MAXFIELD

Response to Comment N-01846:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01847

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-01847:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01848

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Dion McCaslin

Response to Comment N-01848:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01849

Comment ID: N-01849
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Greg Delmage

Response to Comment N-01849:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01850

Comment ID: N-01850
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

MIKE Johnson

Response to Comment N-01850:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01851

Comment ID: N-01851
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

James Moore

Response to Comment N-01851:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01852

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. The OHV industry is important to the livelihood of so many Americans, and shutting down Johnson Valley would be a very big blow to the industry. With so many other OHV areas shutting down, losing Johnson Valley is not something that anybody in the 4x4 world wants to think about. Please consider expanding the military base to the east, where there would be more room and it would not impact Johnson Valley. The OHV community strongly supports our military and we all want the troops to have the best training available, but please keep in mind that the OHV community is responsible for developing a lot of technology that the military uses or could use in it's vehicles. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Danny Gaston

Response to Comment N-01852:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-01853

Comment ID: N-01853
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

As a recent visitor of Johnson Valley OHV, I am very passionate about keeping it open and available for continued responsible/legal recreating and 4x4 Offroad use for years to come with my family.

I whole heartedly support our military and appreciate the need for training. Having visited the area and exploring much of the OHV area, I firmly believe there are alternatives for training areas which do not involve the closure of the Johnson Valley OHV Area for public use.

Wade Leishman
President 2011/2012 - Santa Cruz 4 Wheel Drive Club (831) 332-8264 - Cell

Sincerely,

Wade Leishman

Response to Comment N-01853:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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As a recent visitor of Johnson Valley OHV, I am very passionate about keeping it open and available for continued responsible/legal recreating and 4x4 Offroad use for years to come with my family.

I whole heartedly support our military and appreciate the need for training. Having visited the area and exploring much of the OHV area, I firmly believe there are alternatives for training areas which do not involve the closure of the Johnson Valley OHV Area for public use.

Wade Leishman
President 2011/2012 - Santa Cruz 4 Wheel Drive Club (831) 332-8264 - Cell

Sincerely,

Wade Leishman

Response to Comment N-01854:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-01855

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers

My husband was a recent visitor of Johnson Valley OHV, I am very passionate about keeping it open and available for continued responsible/legal recreating and 4x4 Offroad use for years to come with my family.

We whole heartedly support our military and appreciate the need for training. Having visited the area and exploring much of the OHV area, we firmly believe there are alternatives for training areas which do not involve the closure of the Johnson Valley OHV Area for public use.

Dewana Leishman

Sincerely,

Dewana Leishman

Response to Comment N-01855:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-01856

Comment ID: N-01856
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Eric schaefer

Response to Comment N-01856:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01857

Comment ID: N-01857
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Jamie Bacon

Response to Comment N-01857:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01858

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Boening Jr.

Response to Comment N-01858:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01859

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Mark Solms

Response to Comment N-01859:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01860

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

william zhmendak

Response to Comment N-01860:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01861

Comment ID: N-01861
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Wade Probst

Response to Comment N-01861:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01862

Comment ID: N-01862
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. It would make a horrible impact on my life as i am an 4x4 fabricator and my business needs Johnson valley!

Sincerely,

Matthew Wilken

Response to Comment N-01862:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01863

Comment ID: N-01863
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Not only do they test products there, but many vendor showcase their new products there. Many wheelers consider Johnson Valley their primary wheeling spot. If those wheelers have no where left to wheel they will not be buying new products. Businesses in the area will suffer when their consumer group begins to dwindle. I URGE you to re-consider the Marine expansion into Johnson Valley. I understand the Marines need a place to train and am a proud supporter of the armed forces, I just feel other areas Could be utilized for a training ground. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ryan Higgins

Response to Comment N-01863:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-01864

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Joe Fernandez

Response to Comment N-01864:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01865

Comment ID: N-01865
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Byron Coffey
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.
I ask please find away to keep the ohv park open!!

Sincerely,

Byron Coffey

Response to Comment N-01865:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Philip Provience

Response to Comment N-01866:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-01867

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated when in fact such issues can be easily resolved. Please reconsider this alternative.

Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-01867:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-01868

Comment ID: N-01868
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-01868:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Response to Comment N-01870:

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I feel their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area is a terrible idea.
Suitable areas for additional Marine use already exist and should be considered.
The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.
The Marines owe it to the US taxpayers to explore options that will have less detrimental effects on the citizens' lives. Please reconsider Ft Irwin and leave JV to the american people.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-01872:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Response to Comment N-01873:

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-01875:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Someone needs to step up and get it figured out so Johnson Valley can stay open to the public. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Graham Conway

Response to Comment N-01876:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. The amount of funds that you will have to sink into the Johnson Valley area to close off will be close to or less than working with another government agency. Why not help improve other training areas that are already in place?

Move East and to Fort Irwin!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-01877:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Fort Irwin should be reexamined to determine if it is an acceptable location before the expansion east is pursued, as an expansion east would close down areas the public use responsibly and frequently for many different activites.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-01878:

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Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-01879:

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I feel confident that given more time to make the decision there is a way these hurdles can be overcome.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-01880:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-01884:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Don Arter

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Allocate budget funds to improve Fort Irwin and add to the economy, not taking away from it by taking over Johnson Valley!

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-01887:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Reusing previously used military areas protects private citizen use, decreases spending and provides the additional space requested. Though it may be deficient in some areas, current infrastructure does add value.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-01888:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

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Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-01890:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-01891:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Dave Gutwillig

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Sincerely,

Rick Bailey

Response to Comment N-01893:

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-01894:

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-01895:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-01896:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, their needs are not being represented accurately.
The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.
Our ops in modern times rely more on technology and planning than incredible amounts of force.
I do not agree with the proposed expansion into JV OHV area, and feel that a more accurate needs' assesment shall be made by the Marines before they try to negatively affect the lives of those who use JV OHV area and the communities that depend on them for their livlihoods.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-01897:

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The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-01898:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-01899:

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Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-01900:

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Sincerely,

Brant Willis

Response to Comment N-01901:

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Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-01902:

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Comment ID: N-01903

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-01903:

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Comment ID: N-01904

Comment ID: N-01904
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Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-01904:

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Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-01905:

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Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-01906:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-01907:

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Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-01908:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Hello, I'm writing in regards to the Corps failing to justify need for 1990s-era simultaneous training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Please consider this while making your decisions.

Sincerely,

Graham Conway

Response to Comment N-01910:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-01911:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-01912:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-01913:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-01914:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-01915:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for reading this e-mail!

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Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-01916:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-01917:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-01918:

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Sincerely,

Michael Kimmel

Response to Comment N-01919:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The enviromental impact that the military may have on Johnson valley is not clear. More time and transparency is needed to evaluate the potential impact. The off-road community already has a minimal impact of spilled fluids.

Sincerely,

John McGrady

Response to Comment N-01920:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-01921

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley OHV area is irreplaceable.

Not only is the terrain durable enough for our rubber-tired vehicles to give us a healthy challenge; it is filled with gorgeous desert flora and fauna.

The area was used for a short time after World War II, and some of the bomb range scars are still healing.

Today's munitions have much more power than WWII-era munitions, and will scar the terrain for an even longer time.

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-01921:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates impacts to biological resources under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.10). The Marine Corps is currently undergoing consultation with the USFWS service in regards to impacts to the desert tortoise and other wildlife species.

The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

The new Commadant of the Marine Corps is bringing the Marines back to their roots, not having them fight like a 2nd Army like they have been for the past 10 years.

It shoots down the whole purpose and need for the expantion.

Why should our armed forces need 2 LARGE training areas?

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-01922:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have just now became aware of the possible lose of the public use of Johnson Valley. The public needs more time to make a proper case for the lose of some of our beloved, and quickly disappering public land.

Sincerely,

John McGrady

Response to Comment N-01923:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Many, many, many responsible OHV enthusiasts will be displaced if the Johnson Valley OHV area is overrun by 29 Palms.

Many of us will find other legal places to go.

A small percentage (but a large number of people) will inevitably choose to ride illegally and keep riding and enjoying Johnson Valley.

Please do not displace honest, hard-working, taxpaying recreating Americans. Please do not force the good apples to go somewhere else. We'd just as soon ride legally alongside the "bad apples" at Johnson Valley and share our love of the trails and our ethics with them.

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-01924:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-01925

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

It's seems Ft. Irwin, which is the Army's National training Center went through an expansion simular to 29 Palms.

Ft. Irwin was 642,000 acres in size. An additional 150,510 acres was added for a grand total 792,510 acres.

29 Palms is currently 596,480 acres, and wants to expand by 422,000 acres for a grand total of 1,018,480 acres.

If a second Land Army is not desired, then why does the USMC need a 25% BIGGER training area than our actual Land Army?! The EIS fails to provide any justification.

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-01925:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-01926

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

General James F. Amos, Commandment of the Marine Corps, spoke at the Fletcher Luncheon on April 15th, 2011.

General Fletcher spoke about future military actions and where the Marines are going to operate once we come out of Afghanistan, and he explained the "arc of instability." It is within this arc of instability that the Marines will most likely be engaging the enemy. These areas will be our future battlefields over the next two decades.

In speaking about this arc of instability, General Amos says:
"But we see that's probably what the world is going to look like for the next two decades. A lot more information there, but we think that's going to be our backyard because this is primarily the littorals, because these are kind of the nasty missions and things that, quite honestly, don't require 20,000 Marines on the ground."

If the Marines must train as they fight, then 29Palms does not need the capacity to simultaneously train 20,000 Marines.

Please keep Johnson Valley OHV area open to the public--including those Marines--who can come recreate at the OHV area when they are on leave from training, or redeployed home after fighting in that very arc of instability.

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-01926:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have enjoyed raising my children in the outdoors through responsible OHV use. Every year we are losing more areas to ride. I find it unacceptable that the Marines are willing to take yet another area when threre are other viable options.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Ingrid Larsen

Response to Comment N-01927:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-01928

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern,

As an active duty Marine I do understand the importance of quality training areas and the need to expand to allow us to train how we fight more. I also understand the desire for OHV parks as they are closing down all over the country. While national defense comes first, many thousands of people use Johnson Valley for recreation. And while in California we have many OHV parks, many are closing down here and across the country. Johnson Valley is an amazing OHV area that has activites that anyone can partake in, not just rock crawling. I would like to be able to take my children offroading and get them outside instead of playing video games and this is an awesome place to do that. With increasing interest in off-road motor sports, events like King of the Hammers, which are growing our sport at a rapid pace, will be forced to move or cease to exist. If it moves it Iwill also take a lot of money out of california. Thank you for your time.

Jordan Meredith

Sincerely,

Jordan Meredith

Response to Comment N-01928:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-01929

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To Whom It May Concern:

There is exactly ONE place in the country that I would be willing to tow my vehicle 4 times in the last 6 years over 2000 miles one-way to use the off road area. That area is Johnson Valley.

I am a military veteran and 100% want my Marines to be the best trained in the world.

That said, if they can go EAST of 29 Palms, PLEASE consider this option.

Sincerely,

william grogan

Response to Comment N-01929:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-01930

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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the expansion of the 29 Palms Marine Base, if it expands west into the Johnson Valley recreation area, the economy of the towns directly around Johnson Valley will be greatly affected. Personally, my family spends multiple thousands of dollars per year in the local economy.

We recreate in the Johnson Valley area more than 15 weekends per year, going so far as to spend 14 days straight there during the time of the King of the Hammers Off Road Race, plus another couple of one week stretches throughout the year for race practice and/or family recreation time with my wife and two school-age sons.

Each time we arrive, we do so with no groceries and empty fuel tanks. We fill over 100 gallons at local gas stations EVERY VISIT WE MAKE...on longer visits, we fill over 200 gallons, with most of it being premium fuel. Then, we head to the local market to buy groceries. Also, if we need spare parts, we purchase them locally, plus we attend weekend fundraiser barbecues and pancake breakfasts, plus get camping gear and other supplies locally on a regular basis. Add it all up and the dollars taken away from the local economy from recreationalists like me is a HUGE sum of money. Big money in small towns that rely on our tourism dollars.

Don't take money out of the local community by moving west into the Johnson Valley Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

Dustin Webster

Response to Comment N-01930:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

For decades, OHV recreation lands have been eliminated at an alarming rate. If there were no viable options for the Marines to properly train, then of course recreationalists would be sad, but would not fight the expansion. However, considering that there are other alternatives other than moving west into Johnson Valley COMBINED with the fact that the Marines have adapted their missions and training since the decision to expand 29 palms was considered OVER 15 YEARS AGO, it truly makes no sense to take away even more OHV recreation lands.

DO NOT TAKE OUR RECREATION LANDS AWAY for plans that were changed LONG AGO.

Sincerely,

Dustin Webster

Response to Comment N-01931:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-01932

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

he US Government (BLM) has determined that fireworks are illegal at the Johnson Valley OHV area due to the risk of wildfire.

How does the US Government (USMC) propose to mitigate the risk of wildfire at Johnson valley with the use of live fire rounds?

There seems to be a huge contradiction in the laws that the US Government wants to impose upon its citizens and the regulations it allows for itself.

Sincerely,

Mike Stewart

Response to Comment N-01932:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please study the potential of expanding 29 Palms to the East instead of into Johnson Valley to the west.

Johnson Valley is valuable to hundreds of thousands of OHV enthusiasts.

The Wilderness area to the east is valuable to several dozen people.

The greater good would have 29 Palms expand (if at all) to the East.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-01933:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many, many, many responsible OHV enthusiasts will be displaced if the Johnson Valley OHV area is overrun by 29 Palms.

Many of us will find other legal places to go.

A small percentage (but a large number of people) will inevitably choose to ride illegally and keep riding and enjoying Johnson Valley.

Please do not displace honest, hard-working, taxpaying recreating Americans. Please do not force the good apples to go somewhere else. We'd just as soon ride legally alongside the "bad apples" at Johnson Valley and share our love of the trails and our ethics with them.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-01934:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Their is a real danger to public safey if the marines expand into an area that has long been public. There is already an issue with this happening in Palms 29.

Sincerely,

John McGrady

Response to Comment N-01935:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of land available to OHV users is disappearing at a alarming rate. Johnson Valley is a very important locale for the Off-road community.

Sincerely,

John McGrady

Response to Comment N-01936:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The impact of the loss of Johnson Valley will not just affect the "wheelers" it will affect anyone that uses our public land. Hikers, mountain bikers, kite flyers, horse back riders etc. Many of these groups still have no idea they are about to lose access to some of our public land.

Sincerely,

John McGrady

Response to Comment N-01937:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-01938

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would do irreparable damage to the local economy, the offroad industry and tourism in general in this area. It's critical that these small communities survive by retaining this valuable resource. The OHV community brings a significant wealth to these areas that will be completely diminished if the Marine Corps expansion plan is finalized.

Sincerely,

John Herrick

Response to Comment N-01938:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-01939

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an active OHV user who lives in northern California. I have been wanting to make a trip down to Johnson Valley within the next year or two, and would be extremely displeased if I was unable to because of more closures. As it is, there are very few areas in the country where people can go to recreate responsibly. Please do not take even more public land away from us. I, along with many others would be very grateful if the decision was made to keep Johnson Valley open, and for the training area to be located somewhere else. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brian Root

Response to Comment N-01939:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a user of the Johnson Valley OHV area. I have to travel 600 miles to enjoy our public land. The amount of OHV users has grown exponentially in the past 30 or so years. However, places where users can legally recreate have been decreased. This creates more impact on the areas that are still open. Please consider alternatives to closing Johnson Valley. Please keep these public lands open to the public.

Sincerely,

Darryl Merrin

Response to Comment N-01940:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the reduction in availability of OHV land would cause significant impacts to recreation under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The analyses presented in the EIS acknowledge and discuss the impacts that reduced recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage and potential overcrowding in other areas, as well as related impacts to other environmental resources.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

By closing Johnson Valley you are removing a MWR area that is used by thousands of active duty and retired military every year. Every pickup with a dirt bike in the bed, every sand rail and every jeep in 29 Palms/SD/Pendelton military housing goes there.

Sincerely,

Gilman Fortin

Response to Comment N-01941:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

what is the need to expand esp being that the corp is downsizing its active duty members and only taking reserves. also the nation has 14 trillion dollars in debt that needs so be taken care of before any military expansion can happen. the marines are there to protect our freedom, taking over the ohv park would be taking away freedoms not protecting or expanding them.

Sincerely,

John Mandell

Response to Comment N-01942:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-01943

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this an option, I hope to one day travel to one of the greatest OHV areas, JV. but the number of OHV areas is dwindling, please dont shut this one down!
I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Dana Lemire

Response to Comment N-01943:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-01944

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Will the 29 Palms expansion occur under Environmental Protection Agency oversight?

If the laws created by Congress and promulgated by the EPA apply to the citizens of the United States, then they should apply equally to the military of the United States.

If "carbon footprint" is a valid environmental concern, then the massive number of diesel-burning military vehicles on maneuver through an expanded Johnson Valley should put this project to a halt.

If "carbon footprint" is bum science, then the US Marine Corps must invalidate this factor--for themselves and the general public--to consider moving forward with a 29 Palms expansion into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Thomas Heath

Response to Comment N-01944:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-01945

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The EIS has not noted the risk of damage to the existing Boone Lake road, particularly with the use of tracked vehicles.

The EIS has not noted the risk of damage to existing routes with the use of live ordinance.

The EIS has not noted the additional traffic on Highway 247 which will be used by the Marines for mobilization into the eastern portion of an expanded 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-01945:

Thank you for your comment. Section 4.12 of the EIS discusses impacts to geological resources under each of the action alternatives. As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be direct impacts to soils as a result of military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

The EIS evaluates impacts to transportation under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.6). As noted in the EIS, Highway 247 would not be used by the Marine Corps with acquisition of the east study area. Under alternatives that acquire land in the west acquisition study area, the EIS determined that marginal temporary traffic increases on Highway 247 due to MEB mobilization would not create significant impacts.

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To Whom It May Concern:

No Alternative has clearly made any substantive, detailed description of how a Shared Use area might work.

I believe this is a diversionary tactic in the EIS process.

Due to liability concerns and the risk of the public coming in contact with unexploded ordinance, shared use is unlikely.

Due to budget constraints and the time required to clear the area regularly and prior to the public's turn to use the area, shared use is unlikely.

Due to safety and security concerns with the public having access to a military installation, shared use is unlikely.

Please remove the Shared Use Alterntative, as it is not a genuine possibility.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-01946:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-01947

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Due to safety and security concerns with the public having access to a military installation, shared use is unlikely.

Please remove the Shared Use Alterntative, as it is not a genuine possibility.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-01947:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only a no-action Alternative.

The Marines have stated a desire to expand based on a 2004 goal and 1990's-era training, yet the Commandant of the Marines has noted that the Marines will be a more mobile expeditionary force and not an entrenched land army. The Marines of 2011 do not need an expanded 29 Palms.

The EIS has failed to detail realistic Environmental Impacts to the desert environment.

The EIS has failed miserably to detail the Impact to the recreating public who have traditionally used Johnson Valley.

The National economy is in crisis. Not only would a 29 Palms cause a reduction in income to local small businesses provided by the OHV public, it would also cost American taxpayers hundreds of millions, if not billons, to implement.

For these reasons--fatal flaws in the analysis--the proposed 29 Palms base expansion must be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-01948:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only a no-action Alternative.

The Marines have stated a desire to expand based on a 2004 goal and 1990's-era training, yet the Commandant of the Marines has noted that the Marines will be a more mobile expeditionary force and not an entrenched land army. The Marines of 2011 do not need an expanded 29 Palms.

The EIS has failed to detail realistic Environmental Impacts to the desert environment.

The EIS has failed miserably to detail the Impact to the recreating public who have traditionally used Johnson Valley.

The National economy is in crisis. Not only would a 29 Palms cause a reduction in income to local small businesses provided by the OHV public, it would also cost American taxpayers hundreds of millions, if not bilions, to implement.

For these reasons--fatal flaws in the analysis--the proposed 29 Palms base expansion must be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-01949:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Maurice Cox

Response to Comment N-01950:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-01951 (Page 1 of 2):

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In summary: in light of the changes in today's Marine Corps, the expansion of 29 Palms in not necessary

Sincerely,

Travis Carpenter

Response to Comment N-01951 (Page 2 of 2):

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To Whom It May Concern:

It's seems Ft. Irwin, which is the Army's National training Center went through an expansion simular to 29 Palms.

Ft. Irwin was 642,000 acres in size. An additional 150,510 acres was added for a grand total 792,510 acres.

29 Palms is currently 596,480 acres, and wants to expand by 422,000 acres for a grand total of 1,018,480 acres.

If a second Land Army is not desired, then why does the USMC need a 25% BIGGER training area than our actual Land Army?! The EIS fails to provide any justification.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-01952:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

A Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) is a formation of the United States Marine Corps, a Marine Air-Ground Task Force of approximately 14,500 Marines and Sailors constructed around a reinforced infantry regiment, a composite Marine aircraft group, a logistics group and a command element.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps stated just months ago that the USMC's mission would be changing and that the Marines are not a second Army, and in past years have not been used like they should be used, so he is getting the Marines back to their roots.

Their roots do not consist of three simultaneous MEB's.

The US Army has just expanded Ft. Irwin for simultaneous battalion-level training. Leave the land army to the Army!

General James F. Amos promised the Armed Services committee promising that the Marines will only ask for what they NEED, not for what they WANT. I sincerely hope that Johnson Valley is on the "WANT" list and will be peacefully removed from that list!

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-01955:

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Comment ID: N-01963

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Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-01963:

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Comment ID: N-01964

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture".
As such an important place to such a large international use group, JV OHV area should be protected and not allowed to be used by military forces. Please realize how unique and loved this place is by the citizens and review other options for expansion.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-01964:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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I know of many Marines that use Johnson Valley to blow off some steam. I love Marines and my country and I know that we can come to a compromise here.

Please expand to the east.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-01965:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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I am very much against the expansion into Johnson Valley by the military.

Sincerely,

Francis Mercier

Response to Comment N-01969:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01970

Comment ID: N-01970
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". JV has become a place for thousands of people to enjoy for many different reasons. the sheer location in itself is something to never forget, and should be kept the way it is for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

Rick Chaffins

Response to Comment N-01970:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01971

Comment ID: N-01971
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been planning my trip to the Johnson Valley Recreation park for well over a year. Researching accommodations and working my schedule around it. I have never been to Johnson Valley specifically yet but everything I read about it has made it clear to me that I must attend it.

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Ian McDonald

Response to Comment N-01971:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01972

Comment ID: N-01972
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I am a US Marine and I understand the need to train like we fight. I do not see the need to expand MCAGCC into the OHV area. Once this is done there will be know turning it back over to the land users. There is more than enough desert to the east of the base that can be used.

Sincerely,

Robert Kennedy

Response to Comment N-01972:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01973

Comment ID: N-01973
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jon Oeller

Response to Comment N-01973:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01974

Comment ID: N-01974
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Taking over this area will increase contention with the BLM and other agencies due to the huge influx of the OHV community in other areas that have been very clear that they do not want the large amounts of traffic that closing Johnson Valley Recreation area will create.

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-01974:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01975

Comment ID: N-01975
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-01975:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01976

Comment ID: N-01976
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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All though I have never been to Johnson Valley Recreation area, I plan on venturing out there in February 2012 for The King of The Hammers event. Johnson Valley is one of the biggest OHV areas in the Country, this is essential to the survival of our sport. JV also provides a significant boost to the local economy due to OHV users needing places to stay, eat, etc.,...
So please read my letter and recognize our need for Johnson Valley to stay open for OHV use.

Sincerely,

Caleb Spillane

Response to Comment N-01976:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01977

Comment ID: N-01977
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Morgan

Response to Comment N-01977:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01978

Comment ID: N-01978
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I think if the USMC would look closer into the area of Johnson Valley they would see how important it is to so many OHV users. The USMC has much more power when it comes to expanding into new areas than the general public. This would be a perfect time to flex those powers and move east into wilderness land that is currently not even available to the public. Let the OHV community keep what little they have. Your training exercises will be just as good if they were done east of the location in Johnson Valley. Please do not overpower the opinions of OHV users and push us out of our playground.

Sincerely,

Jason Gray

Response to Comment N-01978:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01979

Comment ID: N-01979
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". It hosts the most difficult offroad race. Johnson Valley has gained fame for its difficult trails. Many people not local to the area dream of the day they will take their trail buggy in tow for the trek to Johnson Valley. To rob the thousands of people, myself included, of this dream is a great injustice easily avoided by simply expading east. I mean, come on. Think of the children.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-01979:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-01980

Comment ID: N-01980
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Phil Larocca
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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". In the past years, the offroading community has exploded in size because of Johnson valley and we need it open to the public to keep the community growing and striving! Please, Marines, GO EAST!!

- Phil THE RIFLEMAN.

Sincerely,

Phil Larocca

Response to Comment N-01980:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-01981

Comment ID: N-01981
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-01981:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01982

Comment ID: N-01982
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-01982:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01983

Comment ID: N-01983
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. To close this area would be equivalent to closing the shore of Oahu to surfing, or closing Pebble beach to golf!! The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Bill Bachman

Response to Comment N-01983:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01984

Comment ID: N-01984
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV users are huge supporters of the Military. Many current military and vets enjoy OHV activities, and Johnson Valley is on the "must see" list for any avid outdoorsmen. The closure of public areas that are so heavily utilized by the public is a real mistake. I whole heartedly support the marines, and completely support their expansion East instead of West. I understand there are hurdles going East, but you must understand the overwhelming public support you'll have helping you overcome those hurdles.

GO EAST MARINES

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-01984:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-01985

Comment ID: N-01985
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steve Rhoades
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Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-01985:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01986

Comment ID: N-01986
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Halpin

Response to Comment N-01986:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01987

Comment ID: N-01987
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-01987:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-01988

Comment ID: N-01988
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Bergacs

Response to Comment N-01988:

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Comment ID: N-01989

Comment ID: N-01989
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The loss of this area will have an impact on the area that no base expansion could make up for in an economic sense.

This is one of the areas I plan on visiting soon.

Sincerely,

Michael Fletcher

Response to Comment N-01989:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-01990

Comment ID: N-01990
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-01990:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01991

Comment ID: N-01991
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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there are plenty of other places the Marines can use, johnson valley is a one of a kind area for our sport that is seeing too many area closures as of late.

Sincerely,

taylor wade

Response to Comment N-01991:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-01992

Comment ID: N-01992
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like you to reconsider your land use expansion that is developing in the 29 Palms area. I have trained at the 29 palms area in the past as well as used the Hammers for recreational use. I live all the way across the country in NC, and fly out to events that our going on in the Jhonson valley area. I and my many friends bring in revenue for the local people with food,fuel, and other spending. The Government need for land is becoming more abundant and i would never want any training of our troops to suffer from a civilian standpoint.However there has to be a way that we can keep some of the areas open for OHV usage, while the military could use it as well. Compromise is what i am asking for the good of both parties. Thanks for listening to someone who loves public OHV areas and have seen them stripped away numerous times by the goverriment in the last years. We are losing use of our federal lands and we are ready for that to change.
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Thanks
Pj Mallory
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Mocksville, NC 27028

Sincerely,

Paul mallory

Response to Comment N-01992:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-01993

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" .
Please don't expand. The 29 palms military base is already one of the largest in the world. You will be taking people's recreational/ family outings away. Please reconsider. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony Wiser

Response to Comment N-01993:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01994

Comment ID: N-01994
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

michael morton

Response to Comment N-01994:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-01995:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01996

Comment ID: N-01996
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Cpl Irvin
VMFA 112 03-09

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-01996:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-01997

Comment ID: N-01997
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-01997:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01998

Comment ID: N-01998
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please don't take this area from us, there are very few OHV areas left in the state.

Sincerely,

Brian Dierksen

Response to Comment N-01998:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-01999

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-01999:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02000

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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As a former Navy seabee EO1 (SCW). and offroad enthusiast as well as a asst high school ROP teacher i just wanted to let whoever may read this know how this will effect many people. first things first i spent 12 years as an equipment operator stationed outta port hueneme navy base did month and month of training and building K-span buildings on 29 palms military base. i have been going to to Johnson valley since i was a little kid riding dirt bikes and now racing in the King of the hammers last year we were car #4449 which was built by high school kid not me or other adults but by the kids them self. this was our third year doing this and the kids love it as much as any one else that has ever did any thing. i have been on 29 palms base before there are plenty on miles for training purposes for convoy training and shooting ranges as well as close combat training physicality . johnson valley is one of the few places in California that is an OHV area that hasn't be closed down yet and is open to the public JV is the hardiest area i have ever wheeled in my life and now i live 45min from the rubicon. If the people lose JV as an ohv area that would be a huge lose for the people. as from what iv seen beeing in the military and a civilian JV should say OHV

Sincerely,

Steven white

Response to Comment N-02000:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02001

Comment ID: N-02001
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I have been going to Johnson Valley Recreation Area for many years and I am quite familiar with the area. I firmly believe that the Marine base needs to avoid moving westerly into the multiple use areas that are SO important to those of use who use and enjoy them.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Todd Cochran

Response to Comment N-02001:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02002

Comment ID: N-02002
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris McGaw

Response to Comment N-02002:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02003

Comment ID: N-02003
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I understand the need for an ever expanding arena to train our nations military I think this is a poor choice of venue to do so. While this may seem like a great extension for the current base it would come at a price for many whos' aim is to use and enjoy Johnson Valley for it's beauty and terrain.

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Sincerely,

Aaron LaRose

Response to Comment N-02003:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02004

Comment ID: N-02004
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02004:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02005

Comment ID: N-02005
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I am a firm supported of our military but every year we as outdoor enthusiasts lose more and more land for many reasons. Please take this opportunity to keep public land open to the public. We are the underdogs and losing Johnson Valley will represent an end to the most important place we have left.

Sincerely,

H. Scott Winsor

Response to Comment N-02005:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02006

Comment ID: N-02006
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson valley is a place where many people look forward to going to, they work hard save and spend time and money to use this land. To take this away from the hard working tax payers of this state would be an unjustice to all, and flat out wrong.

Sincerely,

kenny yarnall

Response to Comment N-02006:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02007

Comment ID: N-02007
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. I'm only willing to travel 32 hours by truck over hill and dale for one place on this planet, Johnson Valley! The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". JV is the womb that has given birth to an entirely new breed of vehicle and sport. Much like the term 'Baja' brings visions of volkswagons with stinger exhaust and long travel trophy trucks, the term 'Hammers' brings visions of rigs that can do triple digits across the desert and crawl rocks and waterfalls. We need this area for the sport!

Sincerely,

Joel McJones

Response to Comment N-02007:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02008

Comment ID: N-02008
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

We have been enjoying 4 wheeling in the Johnson Valley area for over 25 years. We have moved out of the So Cal area but still travel the 45o miles to enjoy the area as it is like no other.

Please spare the area we and our children enjoy!

Sincerely,

Brigitta Hopkins

Response to Comment N-02008:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02009

Comment ID: N-02009
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

James Mross

Response to Comment N-02009:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02010

Comment ID: N-02010
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02010:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02011

Comment ID: N-02011
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. Does the USMC does not realize the importance of this area to the local economy and our freedom to enjoy what we have chosen as hobbies? Thousands upon thousands of dollars are spent by thousands of people to travel to JV, as well as prepare and build their off-road vehicles for use there. Go East, and let us continue our freedoms.

Sincerely,

Larry Nickell

Response to Comment N-02011:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02012

Comment ID: N-02012
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Peters

Response to Comment N-02012:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02013

Comment ID: N-02013
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02013:

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Comment ID: N-02014

Comment ID: N-02014
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

josh lombardo

Response to Comment N-02014:

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Comment ID: N-02015

Comment ID: N-02015
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". I recreat at least twice a year in the proposed area to be closed. During my vacations here I spend money at the local shops, markets and gas stations. Eliminating this popular destination may put these stores out of there customers. I hope you reconsider closing the area to OHV users. I see the need for training areas for our military I suggest using the area with ohv users instead of kicking them out.

Sincerely,

Sebastian Draeger

Response to Comment N-02015:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02016

Comment ID: N-02016
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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02016:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

Rick Bailey

Response to Comment N-02017:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02018:

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02019:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02020:

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02021:

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, their proposed expansion is not being allowed to be commented on by ALL the varied use groups of the area.
Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.
Please solicit and extend the information on Marine expansion into these other diverse user groups in order to really get an idea on the public's sentiment for this issue that is so important to these citizens.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02022:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02023:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02024:

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Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Billy Nickel
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Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-02026:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Nick McMurray
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To Whom It May Concern:

The decision by the Marines to expand East into Johnson Valley does not just affect hard core rock crawlers. It affects many more outdoor enthusiasts than just that.

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02027:

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Mr. jack ebert
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Sincerely,

jack ebert

Response to Comment N-02028:

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Mr. Jon Oeller
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Sincerely,

Jon Oeller

Response to Comment N-02029:

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Comment ID: N-02030

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Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02030:

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Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02031:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andy Johnson
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Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-02032:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02033:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Alexander
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Sincerely,

Jason Alexander

Response to Comment N-02034:

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Comment ID: N-02035

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Adam Wiegmann
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Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02035:

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Comment ID: N-02036

Comment ID: N-02036
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ronald Adkins
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V/R
Ron Adkins

Sincerely,

Ronald Adkins

Response to Comment N-02036:

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Comment ID: N-02037

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

matt brister

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Comment ID: N-02038

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02038:

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Comment ID: N-02039

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02040:

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Wong

Response to Comment N-02041:

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Comment ID: N-02042

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

michael morton

Response to Comment N-02042:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02043

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

michael kramarz

Response to Comment N-02043:

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Comment ID: N-02044

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Phillip Hagerman

Response to Comment N-02044:

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Comment ID: N-02045

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson valley is more than just an offroading location, it is a unique zone that is favorite to recreationalists regardless of the specific avenue.

the marines have many other viable options for training grounds, taking this away is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Taylor Wade

Response to Comment N-02045:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02046

Comment ID: N-02046
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-02046:

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Comment ID: N-02047

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Matthew Boehner

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

chaz schlange

Response to Comment N-02049:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Dunn
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-02050:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Nick McMurray

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This is something that all of the users of this area need to be informed about.

Sincerely,

Mike Nixon

Response to Comment N-02052:

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Comment ID: N-02054

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

William Lashmit

Response to Comment N-02054:

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Sincerely,

Michael Kimmel

Response to Comment N-02055:

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Comment ID: N-02056

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Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02056:

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Comment ID: N-02057

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02057:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02058

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02058:

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Comment ID: N-02059

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Please expand to the East!!!

Sincerely,

Don Kesler

Response to Comment N-02059:

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Comment ID: N-02060

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02060:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02061

Comment ID: N-02061
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02061:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02062

Comment ID: N-02062
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02062:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02063

Comment ID: N-02063
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country,I do not think expansion into JV OHV area is a good idea.
OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.
Families and individuals depend on areas such as JV for their recreation and as a chance to leave their lives in the cities behind. Shrinking the areas allowed to be used by the OHV community will be extremely detrimental to these citizens, and needs to stopped.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02063:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02064

Comment ID: N-02064
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02064:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02065

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc, will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. With our budget crisis, this is one of the few free activities that keep us sane and aware of our beautiful state.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02065:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-02066
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02066:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02067

Comment ID: N-02067
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02067:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02068

Comment ID: N-02068
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. There is no other place that offers the multitude of activities that this location boasts. Allowing the area to be included in 29 palms will demolish a public place families have been enjoying for years that can not be replaced.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02068:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02069

Comment ID: N-02069
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02069:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02070

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I am from Texas. the closure of the Johnson Valley OHV area will have much larger effects than simply the Southern California area. People from around the country utilize this area to enjoy the outdoors. This area has long been open to the public and should remain so.

GO EAST MARINES

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02070:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-02071

Comment ID: N-02071
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02071:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02072

Comment ID: N-02072
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. If the Marine base is expanded it will remove yet another area of the country that we off highway enthusiasts can no longer recreate. This will greatly affect the quality of life all over the country who travel to Johnson Valley for their recreation trip. People drive from the east coast and all over the mid west to visit Johnson Valley and experience it's great natural terrain and beauty. With out JV, there will be one less new place for people to explore, this lowering their quality of life.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02072:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02073

Comment ID: N-02073
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,.

Chris Halpin

Response to Comment N-02073:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02074

Comment ID: N-02074
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. To think that is okay to expand in to our ever diminishing public land is completely asinine. Please reconsider, and go East. If expansion is necessary then purchase that land from private parties. Do not steal it from Americans. I use Jonson Valley multiple times a month and this is a heartbreaking issue. I really wish that my children will be able to see the hammers, and experience the great opportunities that JV gives us to socialize, wheel, and have fun.

I am doubtful that any consideration will be made, but i have a little hope in people to do what is right for the American People. Do not let us down.

Sincerely,

Jason Cook

Response to Comment N-02074:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-02075

Comment ID: N-02075
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02075:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02076

Comment ID: N-02076
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With what little space that is left open for the public to enjoy the closure of Johnson Valley would greatly hurt many people. OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Go East Marines!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Graham Conway

Response to Comment N-02076:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-02077

Comment ID: N-02077
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02077:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02078

Comment ID: N-02078
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02078:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02079

Comment ID: N-02079
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02079:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02080

Comment ID: N-02080
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Not to mention the quality of life for the Marines on base. What do you have to do on base? It isn't called "29 Stumps" for nothing. If you think there is an issue with Marines driving across the desert to Reno now, just imagine if you take away some of the local activities. I know many Marines partake in the OHV area in Johnson Valley, you're hurting them to.

Cpl Irvin
VMFA 112 03-09

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-02080:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02081

Comment ID: N-02081
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Nick McMurray
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02081:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02082

Comment ID: N-02082
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02082:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02083

Comment ID: N-02083
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Robert Bourne
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider that OHV use and the activities that go with it, such as camping, exploring, rock hounding and just spending time with our friends and family will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life for us and our friends in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Robert Bourne

Response to Comment N-02083:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02084

Comment ID: N-02084
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Not to mention those that travel 100s or thousands of miles to explore Johnson Valley and other sites in Southern California.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02084:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02085

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02085:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02086

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02086:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02087:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02088:

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02089:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02090

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. All other options have too many flaws to be considered.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02090:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02091

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02091:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02092:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Comment ID: N-02093
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. At the very least it should be given more time and more efforts into potential impacts!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02093:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02094:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02095:

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GO EAST MARINES

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02096:

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Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02097:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02098:

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Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-02099:

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02100:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02101:

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Comment ID: N-02102

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Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02102:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02103

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02103:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02104

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02104:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02105

Comment ID: N-02105
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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02105:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02106

Comment ID: N-02106
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02106:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02107

Comment ID: N-02107
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Many of us have physical disabilities that make it much harder for us to get out and enjoy nature, OHV's help us to get out and enjoy nature where otherwise we wouldn't be able to. JV is one of the Meccas of Offroading in the country. If this gets taken it will be a great loss to the OHV community. I understand that our armed forces need training facilities but this is a very important area to the OHV community and they currently have thousands of acres in the area at their disposal.

Sincerely,

Aaron Thompson

Response to Comment N-02107:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02108

Comment ID: N-02108
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02108:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02109

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02109:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02110

Comment ID: N-02110
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brad Buter
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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.
As such, there are many areas for expansion that will not affect such a large group of Americans. Please consider these before you detrimentally affect a large culture of OHV using citizens.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02110:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02111

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Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02111:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02112

Comment ID: N-02112
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Sincerely,

Michael Spaulding

Response to Comment N-02112:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02113

Comment ID: N-02113
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02113:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02114

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Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02114:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02115

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Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02115:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02116

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02116:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02117

Comment ID: N-02117
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Brian Conrad

Response to Comment N-02117:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02118:

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Comment ID: N-02119

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-02119:

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Comment ID: N-02120

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02120:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02121:

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Comment ID: N-02122

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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James Stroup

Response to Comment N-02122:

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Comment ID: N-02123

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02123:

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Comment ID: N-02124

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Johnston

Response to Comment N-02124:

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Comment ID: N-02125

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Phillip Hagerman

Response to Comment N-02125:

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Comment ID: N-02126

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02126:

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Comment ID: N-02127

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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We need the Johnson Valley area to remain open to the public for OHV use. This is one of the few remaining places that offers the quality of terrain to excercise our sport in the way we enjoy most.

Sincerely,

Joel McJones

Response to Comment N-02127:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02128

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02128:

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Comment ID: N-02129

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please realize, That the johnson valley orv area is THE mecca for orv users who want the most challenging area's to recreate. People come from all over the united states, and many other foreign country's so enjoy the terrain unique to the area. It would be very difficult to account for the loss of revenue the area creates worlwide if it is no longer available to recreate at.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bunker

Response to Comment N-02129:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02130:

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Comment ID: N-02131

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02131:

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Comment ID: N-02132

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Kesler

Response to Comment N-02132:

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Sincerely,

Rick Bailey

Response to Comment N-02133:

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Adam Goldenstien

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Comment ID: N-02135

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-02136:

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Comment ID: N-02137

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02137:

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Comment ID: N-02138

Comment ID: N-02138
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02138:

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Comment ID: N-02139

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Parsons
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Response to Comment N-02139:

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Comment ID: N-02140

Comment ID: N-02140
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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tyler Gowans

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Comment ID: N-02141

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Some of the best memories in my life are from trips to johnson Valley. I hope I can spend time there in the future.

Please expand to the east.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-02141:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02142

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

jack ebert

Response to Comment N-02142:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02143:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02144

Comment ID: N-02144
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02144:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02145

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02145:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02146

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02146:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02147

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02147:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02148

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02148:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02149

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02149:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02150

Comment ID: N-02150
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. In this day and age parents and children need some other ways to connect then sitting in front of the television. Keep Johnson Valley open to the public!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Graham Conway

Response to Comment N-02150:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02151

Comment ID: N-02151
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

"Wheeling" is one of the best Father/Son activities that many OHV users enjoy. It allows me to spend time with my son, and gives me an opportunity to teach him many lessons on enjoying the outdoors in a responsible manner. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Please reconsider the proposed use of the Johnson Valley to expand 29 Palms Marine Base.

Sincerely,

Jason Tuggle

Response to Comment N-02151:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02152

Comment ID: N-02152
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joseph Downard

Response to Comment N-02152:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02153

Comment ID: N-02153
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's, including mine. In a time when many families don't connect as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that has been, and is still used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban distractions and the busyness of life. my family has visited Johnson Valley on a regular basis since i can remember and I plan to share time with future generations in the years to come. how can I pass along family traditions and stories if we are no longer allowed to visit?!

Sincerely,

michael morton

Response to Comment N-02153:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02154

Comment ID: N-02154
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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This is a place for the public to go and enjoy the outdoors. I have lived within 5 miles of 2 major military bases almost my whole life. There is always a way to work things out between the military and the public. There needs to be a compromise reached.

Sincerely,

Mike Nixon

Response to Comment N-02154:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02155

Comment ID: N-02155
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02155:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02156

Comment ID: N-02156
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02156:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02157

Comment ID: N-02157
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Burt

Response to Comment N-02157:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02158

Comment ID: N-02158
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-02158:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02159

Comment ID: N-02159
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. It is also a great location for families and individuals on a budget to recreate, in such difficult financial times.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02159:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02160

Comment ID: N-02160
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris McGaw

Response to Comment N-02160:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02161

Comment ID: N-02161
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-02161:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02162

Comment ID: N-02162
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02162:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02163

Comment ID: N-02163
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02163:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02164

Comment ID: N-02164
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. It has been a great way for my family to connect and have a great time exploring the great outdoors of the Johnson Valley area. Without it we would have nowhere close to go and enjoy our families favorite riding area.

Sincerely,

Brad Wheeler

Response to Comment N-02164:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02165

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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this land grab will be our families last push out of california. we are tired of losing lands. we are currently building a 60 thousand dollar off road car to compete in king of the hammers and many other events in california. we spend a lot of money every year on ohv sports and in the ohv communities. if we lose this land it will be our final push out and i have heard at least have a dozen other families say the same.

Sincerely,

josh lombardo

Response to Comment N-02165:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02166

Comment ID: N-02166
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02166:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02167

Comment ID: N-02167
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02167:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02168

Comment ID: N-02168
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02168:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02169

Comment ID: N-02169
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
The typical offroad enthusiast will typically spend upwards of $500.00 to $1000.00 on any given weekend while enjoying the offroading that Johnson Valley has to offer.

Sincerely,

Rick Bailey

Response to Comment N-02169:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02170

Comment ID: N-02170
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, It would completely crush the local economy.The KOH race and Other OHV usage contribute greatly to the local economy

Sincerely,

steve randall

Response to Comment N-02170:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02171

Comment ID: N-02171
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

During hard economic times outdoor tourist attractions can be critical for local businesses. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The money spent during race events at Johnson Valley is huge and will continue to grow every year.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02171:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02172

Comment ID: N-02172
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02172:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02173

Comment ID: N-02173
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. We pour a bunch of money into the local towns every year and if it were closed, would have no reason to even go out there any more.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02173:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02174

Comment ID: N-02174
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy Do you have any idea how much money KOH brings to the surrounding valleys? Not to mention stimulate the national economy with gas and flight arrangements. please go east marines.

Sincerely,

alexander crosby

Response to Comment N-02174:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02175

Comment ID: N-02175
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02175:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02176

Comment ID: N-02176
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I respect the military that allows us to live free in the USA. However, if the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
The high desert surrounding JV OHV area supports a community of people that are robust and proud to live in an area that is not considered hospitable by most of the population. These people have carved out a niche for their lives and most depend in some way on the revenue generated by the use of Johnson Valley OHV area.
Nearly every weekend groups from large to small of freinds and family converge on the lakebed in Johnson Valley to engage in off road activities that many base their lives around. These activities are not cheap, and force their practitioners to spend money in the local economies to support their time in the desert. From gas stations to grocery stores to motels and restaurants, few parts of the local communities are unaffected by the money that Johnson Valley brings to their table. While this occurs every weekend, during weekends of large races, such as KOH, this effect is magnified exponentially, with 20-30,000 people spending their hard earned money in the local communities during race week. Add that up, it is a huge boost to the local economy of the high desert.
Please reconsider your expansion into this OHV area that means so much to the citizens of the surrounding and supporting communities. Any change to JV use plan will have a detrimental effect on these people who so depend on its use for their livlihoods.

Sincerely,

brad buter

Response to Comment N-02176:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02177

Comment ID: N-02177
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02177:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02178

Comment ID: N-02178
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Josh Glasser

Response to Comment N-02178:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02179

Comment ID: N-02179
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The johnson valley off road area puts alot of money into the local economy. from year round visits from offroaders as well as the huge race event known as King Of the Hammers. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02179:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02180

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Lucerne Valley needs all the help it can get. Off-roaders bring much needed money into the community.

Please expand to the east.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-02180:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02181

Comment ID: N-02181
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Michael Spaulding

Response to Comment N-02181:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02182

Comment ID: N-02182
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Many businesses strive off the off-road communities. Let's help the economy not hurt it.

Sincerely,

Jon Oeller

Response to Comment N-02182:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02183

Comment ID: N-02183
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jon Oeller
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.. Keep public lands open and help improve the economy, not hurt it.

Sincerely,

Jon Oeller

Response to Comment N-02183:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02184

Comment ID: N-02184
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. This is the opposite of what our country is trying to do - repair the economy! Do you want the unemployment in the area to increase? Children and families to struggle even more? If not expand East of 29 palms!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02184:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02185

Comment ID: N-02185
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02185:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02186

Comment ID: N-02186
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-02186:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02187

Comment ID: N-02187
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. In todays economy we should be supporting as much private industry as we can that promotes economic growth. Lets keep one of the last remaining open OHV areas in California open to the public.

Please consider moving east into land not available to the public.

Sincerely,

Jason Gray

Response to Comment N-02187:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02188

Comment ID: N-02188
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02188:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02189

Comment ID: N-02189
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Most people spend on average $300-$600 at local buisnesses during thier stay in Johnson Valley. These expenses go for fuel, food, etc. By expanding into that area you are deleting thousands of dollars a year of local revenue from that area. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02189:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02190

Comment ID: N-02190
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Kennedy
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Truckee, CA 96161

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I have the up most respect for the military but all the wheelers that travel here would bring more money into the local community and the military would and i would doubt that the military would share the money they recieve from goverment grants with the local community

Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02190:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02191

Comment ID: N-02191
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Nic Pook
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. We travel all the way to Johnson Valley from Vancouver BC yearly and always make a point of doing all our shopping local to JV. I know lots of others do this as well as a way to say thanks for sharing their wonderful land was us. Closing JV would cause a huge loss to the local economy.

Sincerely,

Nic Pook

Response to Comment N-02191:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02192

Comment ID: N-02192
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02192:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02193

Comment ID: N-02193
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Please keep Johnson Valley open to off roading. It is the "Holy Grail" of Rock Crawing as no other areas compare.

Sincerely,

Bill Bachman

Response to Comment N-02193:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02194

Comment ID: N-02194
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02194:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02195

Comment ID: N-02195
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Everytime we recreate at Johnson Valley, I personally spend hundreds of dollars at multiple stores between Barstow and the Johnson Valley OHV area. I am 1 family out of thousands that use this area multiple times a year. Imagine what would happen to all these small business's when 40,000 ohv users stop using them for business..... Please expand 29palms to the east... don't ruin the local ecocomy...

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02195:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02196

Comment ID: N-02196
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Martin Pierce
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Martin Pierce

Response to Comment N-02196:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02197

Comment ID: N-02197
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The local economy is based on the OHV use in the area and with the closure of Johnson Valley to the public the people who currently come from all over the country would no longer be there. Most people would be force to relocate and start business over or find new jobs. With the current state of the country's economy no one can afford to be looking for jobs for reasons like this.

Sincerely,

Karl Knowlton

Response to Comment N-02197:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02198

Comment ID: N-02198
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Tuggle
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the son a Vietnam War veteran who was in the Marine Corp. While I support and encourage our heroes of the Armed Forces, losing Johnson Valley as an OHV recreational area would greatly impact the local economy. This area has become famous for its unique topography and is one of our dream destinations for OHV recreation. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The tourism dollars generated from OHV users is vital to the area economy and supports the state of California as a whole. Please reconsider removing Johnson Valley from access to the citizens of this great country!

Sincerely,

Jason Tuggle

Response to Comment N-02198:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02199

Comment ID: N-02199
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Joseph Downard

Response to Comment N-02199:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02200

Comment ID: N-02200
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Nixon
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

This is a place for the public to go and enjoy the outdoors. I have lived within 5 miles of 2 major military bases almost my whole life. There is always a way to work things out between the military and the public. There needs to be a compromise reached.

Sincerely,

Mike Nixon

Response to Comment N-02200:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02201

Comment ID: N-02201
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02201:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02202

Comment ID: N-02202
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02202:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02203

Comment ID: N-02203
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tyler Gowans
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To Whom It May Concern:

The 4x4 comunity spends alot of money not only to build their toys but also to travel to places of natural beauty to explore. JV is one of those spots and recives a good amount of money infused into the local comunity from visitors there to use the OHV area of JV. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02203:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02204

Comment ID: N-02204
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

People rely on business that the ohv community brings to the area as well as the places on the way to it.

Sincerely,

scott miller

Response to Comment N-02204:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02205

Comment ID: N-02205
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brandon Cordova
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The king of Hammers is an event that Millions look forward to and come from all over to watch. Taking this away would hurt the locals.

Sincerely,

Brandon Cordova

Response to Comment N-02205:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02206

Comment ID: N-02206
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The local area where the proposed expansion were to happen is the mecca of all off roaders. The biggest race of the season and some of the best hardcore off road obstacles are in this area. Losing this land would cause the economy in the area to diminish due to the lack of off road vehicles around.

Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02206:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02207

Comment ID: N-02207
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02207:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02208

Comment ID: N-02208
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. While most know a military installation is a boost to a local economy it is always on the line due to budget cutbacks and changes from Congressional Appropriations. When it comes to personal use of this area and the businesses that we support it's a passion that most of us will never get away from.

Sincerely,

Aaron LaRose

Response to Comment N-02208:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02209

Comment ID: N-02209
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Those of us that drive four wheel drive vehicles shop local areas to where we are going to be driving. Not only for food and general supplies, but also fuel and parts to maintain everything. Please consider this.
Thank You.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02209:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02210

Comment ID: N-02210
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Dunn
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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for reading this e-mail!

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-02210:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02211

Comment ID: N-02211
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Kevin Peters

Response to Comment N-02211:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02212

Comment ID: N-02212
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Dunn
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To Whom It May Concern:

Coming from the Small town of Colfax CA and being the VP of the Colfax area chamber of commerce, If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. You would be surprised how much the OHV community helps the local businesses. I know how important visitors are to small towns. With this expansion it would kill the economic community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-02212:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02213

Comment ID: N-02213
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. As well as put a major pinch on the economy of others like myself. Business like mine depend on OHV areas such as Johnson Valley. Please look at the big picture when making decisions like this. Much more bad can come of this than good.

Sincerely,

Joe Silva

Response to Comment N-02213:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02214

Comment ID: N-02214
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02214:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02215

Comment ID: N-02215
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Michael Kimmel

Response to Comment N-02215:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02216

Comment ID: N-02216
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02216:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02217

Comment ID: N-02217
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02217:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02218

Comment ID: N-02218
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Rick Bailey

Response to Comment N-02218:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02219

Comment ID: N-02219
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02219:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02220

Comment ID: N-02220
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02220:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02221

Comment ID: N-02221
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Whitford
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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. If the marines were to expand east, there would be no reason for the marines to spend any extra monies to clear areas for OHV users, thus actually helping the state of our economy.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02221:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02222

Comment ID: N-02222
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02222:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02223

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The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02223:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02224

Comment ID: N-02224
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Culver
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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02224:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02225

Comment ID: N-02225
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brad Buter
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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.
For the possible danger to the public, please do not consider a shared use program and search for possible alternatives that will not shut the door on OHV using citizens and tax payers.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02225:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Comment ID: N-02226

Comment ID: N-02226
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Conway
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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

MOVE EAST!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02226:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02227

Comment ID: N-02227
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. To attempt this poor argument tactic is low down, and I really expected more from the highly respected, my respect included, USMC. The idea that Johnson Valley could be shared, while intially agreeable, is one which should be easily recognized as an idea bound never to fully come to fruition. Resorting the famed "Red Herring" is usually a desperate attempt by a losing party, showing their humble realizion of their wrong stance on the issue. I sincerely hope an expansion east is more thoroughly examined in order to keep Johnson Valley open to the public as it is in its current state.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02227:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02228

Comment ID: N-02228
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02228:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02229

Comment ID: N-02229
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02229:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02230

Comment ID: N-02230
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02230:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02231

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02231:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02232

Comment ID: N-02232
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris McGaw

Response to Comment N-02232:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02233

Comment ID: N-02233
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02233:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02234

Comment ID: N-02234
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02234:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02235

Comment ID: N-02235
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

josh lombardo

Response to Comment N-02235:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02236

Comment ID: N-02236
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02236:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02237

Comment ID: N-02237
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02237:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02238

Comment ID: N-02238
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Kesler

Response to Comment N-02238:

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Comment ID: N-02239

Comment ID: N-02239
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dave Gutwillig

Response to Comment N-02239:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02240

Comment ID: N-02240
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02240:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02241

Comment ID: N-02241
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02241:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02242

Comment ID: N-02242
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02242:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02243

Comment ID: N-02243
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the needs of the US Marines, I do not support their intusion/expansion into the JV OHV area.

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Johnson Valley is a widely used OHV area that has no compare in this country. It is used by tens of thousands of citizens every year. The areas to the east of 29 palms are MUCH less used, and are comprised of the same type of terrain as far as military operations are concerned.

The expansion to the East should be considered heavily, as any effect on JV will be detrimental to all the offroad enthusiasts as well as the communities and businesses that depend on them.

Sincerely,

brad buter

Response to Comment N-02243:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-02244

Comment ID: N-02244
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02244:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02245

Comment ID: N-02245
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Culver
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. We asa family do routine clean ups of the area and would have no reason to continue to do so if it were inaccesible.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02245:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02246

Comment ID: N-02246
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02246:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02247

Comment ID: N-02247
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Billy Nickel
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-02247:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02248

Comment ID: N-02248
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Nick McMurray
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. The economical impacts to the surrounding economies of JV would suffer greatly, and families all across America would suffer from the loss of one of the last great offroading sites in the country. Please reconsidering going EAST and not WEST into JV.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02248:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-02249

Comment ID: N-02249
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

justin day

Response to Comment N-02249:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02250

Comment ID: N-02250
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02250:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02251

Comment ID: N-02251
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Bank
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

I would suggest that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Bank

Response to Comment N-02251:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-02252

Comment ID: N-02252
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Please take into consideration the thousands of people that come to the area for recreation that can only be found in that area.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-02252:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02253

Comment ID: N-02253
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Furthermore there is already many wilderness areas off limits to many activities which will be preserved for many years.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02253:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02254

Comment ID: N-02254
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Johnson Valley is such a special place which is enjoyed by thousands of people yearly. The base expanding East would allow this area to be used by the people that truely love it.

Sincerely,

Nic Pook

Response to Comment N-02254:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-02255

Comment ID: N-02255
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02255:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02256

Comment ID: N-02256
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Please do now take this one of a kind area away from the off road community!!

Sincerely,

Bill Bachman

Response to Comment N-02256:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Bill Bachman

Response to Comment N-02257:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02258

Comment ID: N-02258
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02258:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02259

Comment ID: N-02259
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02259:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02260

Comment ID: N-02260
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. Thanks

Sincerely,

Joseph Downard

Response to Comment N-02260:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02261

Comment ID: N-02261
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02261:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02262

Comment ID: N-02262
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Please look at all options before making a rash decision.

Sincerely,

Mike Nixon

Response to Comment N-02262:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-02263

Comment ID: N-02263
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

michael kramarz

Response to Comment N-02263:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02264

Comment ID: N-02264
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02264:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02265

Comment ID: N-02265
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

The terrain is similar and the goat of the marines will be accomplished. All that with less impact on the communities of people who enjoy johnson valley

Sincerely,

scott miller

Response to Comment N-02265:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02266

Comment ID: N-02266
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02266:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02267

Comment ID: N-02267
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02267:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02268

Comment ID: N-02268
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Scott Johnston

Response to Comment N-02268:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02269

Comment ID: N-02269
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02269:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02270

Comment ID: N-02270
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

roy dempsey

Response to Comment N-02270:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02271

Comment ID: N-02271
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for reading this e-mail!

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-02271:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02272

Comment ID: N-02272
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Peters
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Kevin Peters

Response to Comment N-02272:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02273

Comment ID: N-02273
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Michael Kimmel

Response to Comment N-02273:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02274

Comment ID: N-02274
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. Our Country has enough debt.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02274:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02275

Comment ID: N-02275
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jacob Bevill
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. This needs to be addressed before an expansion west is even remotely considered.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02275:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02276

Comment ID: N-02276
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Conway
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. With the national economy in the condition it is don't you think it is an important fact to analyze the DOD budget and the cost of expansion?

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02276:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02277

Comment ID: N-02277
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. STOP SPENDING OUR MONEY!!!

Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02277:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02278

Comment ID: N-02278
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02278:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02279

Comment ID: N-02279
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brad Buter
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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. This expansion will be very expensive and should analyze all effects on US taxpayers.
Please reconsider expansion and do nothing until all effects on the economy, taxpayers, and the OHV community are researched and quantified.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02279:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02280

Comment ID: N-02280
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. Having more time to do these as well as other equally important studies is imperative!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02280:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02281

Comment ID: N-02281
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02281:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02282

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02282:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02283

Comment ID: N-02283
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02283:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02284

Comment ID: N-02284
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02284:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02285

Comment ID: N-02285
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02285:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02286

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02286:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02287

Comment ID: N-02287
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02287:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02288

Comment ID: N-02288
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability and with the ever expanding need to reduce government spending, the idea of expanding 29 Palms is not viable. Technology expands every day. I have trained on artificial live fire ranges and they have nearly the same training value as live fire drills, but cost significantly less, do no damage, and protect equipment and Marines.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-02288:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02289

Comment ID: N-02289
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02289:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02290

Comment ID: N-02290
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-02290:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02291

Comment ID: N-02291
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02291:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02292

Comment ID: N-02292
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02292:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02293

Comment ID: N-02293
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02293:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02294

Comment ID: N-02294
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. i am concerned if this area is taken it will sit idle for years due to no funding and we will lose a world known ohv area

Sincerely,

josh lombardo

Response to Comment N-02294:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02295

Comment ID: N-02295
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02295:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02296

Comment ID: N-02296
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This is not excusing illegal OHV use, however, it is emphasizing the lengths the OHV community is going to in order to legally enjoy their hobby even while OHV areas are being continually shut down.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02296:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02297

Comment ID: N-02297
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it WILL encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Does the US Marine Corps want to be the cause of illegal OHV use? If not MOVE EAST and leave Johnson valley OHV alone.

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02297:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Comment ID: N-02298

Comment ID: N-02298
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brad Buter
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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.
The OHV community is already under fire for illegal wheeling that is the fault of the few, while the rest get blamed for it. Shrinking one of the last OHV areas open would effectively force many individuals to off-road recreate in spaces that are not designated for use.
Please realize that expansion into JV OHV area will have detrimental effects that extend far past the borders of this one OHV area...

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02298:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02299

Comment ID: N-02299
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This is also a potential danger as far as people being lost, having to be rescued, and it will be potentially disasterous!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02299:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02300

Comment ID: N-02300
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02300:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02301

Comment ID: N-02301
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02301:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02302

Comment ID: N-02302
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02302:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02303

Comment ID: N-02303
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Martin Pierce

Response to Comment N-02303:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02304

Comment ID: N-02304
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This is a growing problem which is only going to get worse if available land is taken away. Please reconsider this decision.

Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02304:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02305

Comment ID: N-02305
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02305:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02306

Comment ID: N-02306
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Whitford
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. As a responsible OHV user, I will loose my area to recreate, but not everyone is responsible, and they will travel elsewhere, and go where they shouldn't, giving us all a bad name. Please allow us to maintain the area that we all love to use.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02306:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02307

Comment ID: N-02307
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Jaquith
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jaquith

Response to Comment N-02307:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02308

Comment ID: N-02308
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Boehner
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02308:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02309

Comment ID: N-02309
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02309:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02310

Comment ID: N-02310
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

michael kramarz

Response to Comment N-02310:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02311

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02311:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02312

Comment ID: N-02312
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02312:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02313

Comment ID: N-02313
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02313:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02314

Comment ID: N-02314
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02314:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02315

Comment ID: N-02315
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This area has some of the best OHV places known and a lot of people will continu to use it or go around and use areas very close.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02315:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02316

Comment ID: N-02316
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

I have first hand experience with land closures. In my state of Washington many areas have been closed down, That is one reason why going to johnson valley is soo important to me. I can no longer go to my favorite area in my state. I have a large passion to recreate so if i am going to do so i want to get the most return of my efforts.

Johnson valley orv area always delivers. The incredible scenery, The smells and the way the air relaxes me is contageous! I visit as often as i can, Mind you this requires a thousand dollars of fuel, as well as several hundred dollars of fuel and food once in the area to be able to enjoy my time there. The economical impact would be significant.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bunker

Response to Comment N-02316:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02317

Comment ID: N-02317
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02317:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02318

Comment ID: N-02318
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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02318:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02319

Comment ID: N-02319
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Please reconsider this expansion.

Sincerely,

steve randall

Response to Comment N-02319:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02320

Comment ID: N-02320
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02320:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02321

Comment ID: N-02321
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom it May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Dave Gutwillig

Response to Comment N-02321:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02322

Comment ID: N-02322
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02322:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02323

Comment ID: N-02323
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please dont take away our precious land. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02323:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02324

Comment ID: N-02324
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. I dont think yall realize the impact this will have on the OHV community. what else can people do on the weekends in the desert? this place is awesome. please expand east.

Sincerely,

alexander crosby

Response to Comment N-02324:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02325

Comment ID: N-02325
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02325:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02326

Comment ID: N-02326
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02326:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02327

Comment ID: N-02327
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, their expansion into the JV OHV area would be a crucial blow to those Americans who enjoy off road activities and exploration. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

It is not fair to take one of the only areas in the country where OHV are legal in the high desert. The off road community has a huge positive impact on the local area. If JV is closed to off roading, crowding and over use will occur at all other California OHV areas. JV is critical to the OHV community, please understand the importance of this land to the citizens that enjoy it. It exists as one of the few remaining public lands open to OHV use, and the elimination or shrinking of it would land a crucial blow to the lives of Americans who enjoy its use.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02327:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the reduction in availability of OHV land would cause significant impacts to recreation under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The analyses presented in the EIS acknowledge and discuss the impacts that reduced recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage and potential overcrowding in other areas, as well as related impacts to other environmental resources.

Comment ID: N-02328

Comment ID: N-02328
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Thanks so much!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02328:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02329

Comment ID: N-02329
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02329:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02330

Comment ID: N-02330
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Becky Lewis

Response to Comment N-02330:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02331

Comment ID: N-02331
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02331:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02332

Comment ID: N-02332
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

John Minarik

Response to Comment N-02332:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02333

Comment ID: N-02333
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. the numbers from such a study would benefit on many different levels. OHV enthusiasts and parts vendors alike would benefit from this study.

Sincerely,

Rick Chaffins

Response to Comment N-02333:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02334

Comment ID: N-02334
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

jack ebert

Response to Comment N-02334:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02335

Comment ID: N-02335
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. If you do not do an in-dept study on the effects of closing Johnson Valley to OHV users you are ignoring a huge part of the equation.

Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02335:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02336

Comment ID: N-02336
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. More OHV parks should be opening to disperse the growing numbers, not closing them down.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02336:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02337

Comment ID: N-02337
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-02337:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02338:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Sincerely,

David P

Response to Comment N-02339:

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Comment ID: N-02340

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nic Pook

Response to Comment N-02340:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02341

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02341:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02342

Comment ID: N-02342
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Alexander

Response to Comment N-02342:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02343

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Bank

Response to Comment N-02343:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-02344

Comment ID: N-02344
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02344:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02345

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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V/R
Ron Adkins

Sincerely,

Ronald Adkins

Response to Comment N-02345:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-02346

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02346:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-02347

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matt Parks

Response to Comment N-02347:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02348

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02348:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02349

Comment ID: N-02349
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

michael morton

Response to Comment N-02349:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-02350

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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This is a place for the public to go and enjoy the outdoors. I have lived within 5 miles of 2 major military bases almost my whole life. There is always a way to work things out between the military and the public. There needs to be a compromise reached.

Sincerely,

Mike Nixon

Response to Comment N-02350:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-02351

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02351:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02352

Comment ID: N-02352
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02352:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02353

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Phillip Hagerman

Response to Comment N-02353:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02354

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02354:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02355

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Barbara Rowland

Response to Comment N-02355:

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Comment ID: N-02356

Comment ID: N-02356
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Sue Loehrer

Response to Comment N-02356:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02357

Comment ID: N-02357
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris McGaw

Response to Comment N-02357:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02358

Comment ID: N-02358
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for reading this e-mail!

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Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-02358:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02359

Comment ID: N-02359
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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One of the greatest off road parks already closed on the east coast. I dream of moving out west to have a nationally know ohv area close by. Please do not take another treasure of our community.

Sincerely,

scott miller

Response to Comment N-02359:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02360

Comment ID: N-02360
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02360:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02361

Comment ID: N-02361
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02361:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02362

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Peter S Di Primo

Response to Comment N-02362:

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Comment ID: N-02363

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02363:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02364

Comment ID: N-02364
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Michael Kimmel

Response to Comment N-02364:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02365

Comment ID: N-02365
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Unless 29 Palms enjoys corraling regulars citizens on their property, it would be much more benificial to move east, away from areas that are heavily used by OHV users.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02365:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02366

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Public lands NEED to be kept open to the public! With all open area's being closed where will people go to enjoy the outdoors? Please move the Marines east!

Sincerely,

Graham Conway

Response to Comment N-02366:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02367

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02367:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02368

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02368:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02369:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02370

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02370:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02371

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02371:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02372

Comment ID: N-02372
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02372:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02373

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02373:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02374

Comment ID: N-02374
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02374:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02375

Comment ID: N-02375
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, they are potentially harming many OHV area users by expanding into traditionally used territory.
Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. This could result in injuries and death to US citizens.
Please consider expansion to the East, an area with much less traditional use, to keep potential harm to citizens from occuring.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02375:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-02376

Comment ID: N-02376
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02376:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02377

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02377:

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Comment ID: N-02378

Comment ID: N-02378
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.. Keep public lands open and help improve the economy, not hurt it.

Sincerely,

Jon Oeller

Response to Comment N-02378:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02379

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. this could tunr out to be a big problem.

Sincerely,

justin day

Response to Comment N-02379:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02380

Comment ID: N-02380
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. The citizens in the area will also be in danger of getting hurt if a round is fired out of the area.

Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02380:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02381

Comment ID: N-02381
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02381:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02382

Comment ID: N-02382
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. To ensure public safety, the marines should use the area to the east, which sees less usage than Johnson Valley an area often hosting a multitude of public events.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02382:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-02383

Comment ID: N-02383
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

The Johnson Valley OHV area is a mecca for the general public. Utilized by the OHV community as well as people who enjoy the rugged beauty of the area. This area has been open to the public use for years. If the marines expand East into instead of into the Johnson Valley OHV area, they are expanding into an area that has long been closed to the public. The threat of security and safety breeches will be significantly reduced because the public isn't accustomed to utilizing this area, and they will still have the Johnson Valley OHV area open for their use.

GO EAST MARINES

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02383:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-02384

Comment ID: N-02384
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02384:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02385

Comment ID: N-02385
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02385:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02386

Comment ID: N-02386
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Brandon Cordova

Response to Comment N-02386:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02387

Comment ID: N-02387
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02387:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02388

Comment ID: N-02388
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02388:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02389

Comment ID: N-02389
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02389:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02390

Comment ID: N-02390
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. People have been using this area for a long time and may end up in a situation where they are hurt or worse because they are un aware of the changes.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02390:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02391

Comment ID: N-02391
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02391:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-02392
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for reading this e-mail!

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-02392:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-02393

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Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02393:

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Comment ID: N-02394

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02394:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02395:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02396

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02396:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02397:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02398

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. All one has to do is look north at the irrigation project for the dry lake bed near Olancha CA. Watering to keep dust down to ensure air quality is not a financially sound solution. Especially when faced with the fact that Southern California relies on Northern Californias' snow pack each year.
Currentl it is difficult for Central valley farmers to get water for thier crops and the military is considering watering a desert to keep dust down.
A better solution must be found!

Sincerely,

Rick Bailey

Response to Comment N-02398:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02399

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02399:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02400

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Where will this water come from? How will this effect local water usage?

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02400:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02401:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02402:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02403

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02403:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02404

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02404:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02405:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02406

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02406:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02407:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02408

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02408:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02409

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Not to mention the winds and dry heat will inevitably evaporate the water as it is being laid, a huge waste of fresh water resources.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02409:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02410:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02411

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Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02411:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02412

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. This is rediculous and will be detrimental to the surrounding areas. Please reconsider this are for your use and find someplace better suited to the negative effects of Marine maneuvers.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02412:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02413

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.
As such, the entire area and surrounding communities will be affected and subject to air quality changes to the negative.
Please reconsider the use of JV OHV area and instead search for areas with less detrimental effect on surrounding citizens.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02413:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02414

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-02414:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02415

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

justin day

Response to Comment N-02415:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02416

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

MOVE EAST!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02416:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02417:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02418

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02418:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Comment ID: N-02419
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02419:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02420

Comment ID: N-02420
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02420:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02421

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02421:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02422

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Chris Halpin

Response to Comment N-02422:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02423

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-02423:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02424

Comment ID: N-02424
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02424:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02425

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02425:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02426

Comment ID: N-02426
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02426:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02427

Comment ID: N-02427
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02427:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02428

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02428:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02429

Comment ID: N-02429
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02429:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02430

Comment ID: N-02430
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Is water usage in Southern California not already an issue? Does the local media know of the Corps idea to water down all of JV during exercises?

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02430:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02431

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are utilizing JP8 fuel, traveling through Johnson Valley will create a massive carbon footprint during military training and for years to come.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02431:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02432

Comment ID: N-02432
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02432:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02433

Comment ID: N-02433
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02433:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02434

Comment ID: N-02434
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02434:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02435

Comment ID: N-02435
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02435:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02436

Comment ID: N-02436
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02436:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02437

Comment ID: N-02437
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02437:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02438

Comment ID: N-02438
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02438:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02439

Comment ID: N-02439
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. The OHV community has spent many hours and dollars ensuring that the areas open to our use are maintained so as to be available to our children, our children's children, etc. Should the marines be granted the area contained Johnson Valley, many efforts to preserve the area will be lost to the heavy tank tracks. Won't somebody think of the children!!!

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02439:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02440

Comment ID: N-02440
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. The number of vehicles that the military will use will greatly outnumber the OHV users per year. This will cause great damage to the desert floor, not including the damage done by exploding rounds or mechanical failures.

Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02440:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02441

Comment ID: N-02441
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

A majority of the push to shut down Johnson Valley to the public before had to do with people saying that trucks/suvs/4 wheelers/etc were damaging the landscape, which is false due to OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Please keep Johnson Valley open the public. Go East Marines!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Graham Conway

Response to Comment N-02441:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02442

Comment ID: N-02442
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use and the dust blown into local communities with have a harmful effect.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-02442:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02443

Comment ID: N-02443
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To Whom It May Concern:

As an Engineer who deals with tracked vehicles every day i know how invasive they can be to the enviroment. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02443:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02444

Comment ID: N-02444
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Culver
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Not to mention we as a groud do extensive trail maintenance and clean up! This is just one of many issues. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02444:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02445

Comment ID: N-02445
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02445:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02446

Comment ID: N-02446
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, their expansion into the JV OHV area will be much more detrimental to the natural desert terrain.
OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use, causing problems for the plants and animals that live here.
Please reconsider the use of this environment for expansion, the military would be extremely more damaging than the OHV community that has stewarded this area for nearly 30 years.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02446:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02447

Comment ID: N-02447
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02447:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02448

Comment ID: N-02448
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02448:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02449

Comment ID: N-02449
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02449:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02450

Comment ID: N-02450
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Unnatural ruts and gullys will form which, over time, will devestate the entire area.

Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02450:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02451

Comment ID: N-02451
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02451:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02452

Comment ID: N-02452
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02452:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02453

Comment ID: N-02453
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is important that we preserve these lands for many generations to come. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02453:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02454

Comment ID: N-02454
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02454:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02455

Comment ID: N-02455
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Considering the extent that environmentalists have attacked OHV groups for damaging fragile environments with offroad use, how can the use of ordnance and tracked vehicles be considered environmentally friendly. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. In addition, live ordnance does many times the damage in a single events that years of OHV use. We need a place such as Johnson Valley for our use as well.

Cpl Irvin
VMFA 112 03-09

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-02455:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02456

Comment ID: N-02456
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02456:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02457

Comment ID: N-02457
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02457:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02458

Comment ID: N-02458
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brandon Cordova

Response to Comment N-02458:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02459

Comment ID: N-02459
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02459:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02460

Comment ID: N-02460
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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as beeing a former navy seabee EO1 (SCW) i saw daily how the tracked equpiment tears up the land and causes ruts i have trained out at 29 palms many time for convoy traing and beeing a seabee i also graded many miles of roads so where the tracked vechales would tear up the main roads we would fix this to keep the roads easyer to dive on as well as i have done that in Iraq and Afgan
as beeing an offroad driver my self rubbered tires do not do as much damage to the land

Sincerely,

Steven white

Response to Comment N-02460:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02461

Comment ID: N-02461
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02461:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02462

Comment ID: N-02462
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02462:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02463

Comment ID: N-02463
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Peter S Di Primo

Response to Comment N-02463:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02464

Comment ID: N-02464
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02464:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-02465

Comment ID: N-02465
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

John Bergacs

Response to Comment N-02465:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02466

Comment ID: N-02466
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steve Rhoades
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Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02466:

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Comment ID: N-02467

Comment ID: N-02467
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

matt brister

Response to Comment N-02467:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02468

Comment ID: N-02468
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. We are running out of OHV areas as it is, please let us keep our "Mecca," if you will, of desert rock racing. Johnson Valley is a truly unique recreation experience and it would be unjust to take that away from the American public. Please find other areas to expand 29 Palms!

Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-02468:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02469

Comment ID: N-02469
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02469:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02470

Comment ID: N-02470
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Also by expanding east it would show that 29 Palms is concerned with public opinion and their own enlisted troops who also use that area for recreation. Let use this area together, Marines expand east and let the public stay in the west where we get to enjoy one of our last open OHV areas.

Sincerely,

Jason Gray

Response to Comment N-02470:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02471

Comment ID: N-02471
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andy Johnson
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Tacoma, WA 98404

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Please take into consideration the thousands of people that come to the area for recreation that can only be found in that area.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-02471:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02472

Comment ID: N-02472
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02472:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02473

Comment ID: N-02473
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Morgan

Response to Comment N-02473:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02474

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02474:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02475

Comment ID: N-02475
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02475:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02476

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02476:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02477

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Rick Bailey

Response to Comment N-02479:

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Comment ID: N-02480

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Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02480:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02481:

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Comment ID: N-02482

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02482:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02483:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area.
Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.
If space is needed, please consider re designating a low use area, to the East. This option would be beneficial to all involved and deserves a hard look.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02484:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02485

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Since California is such a liberal state, it seems roads are always being closed by the Forest Service and off-roaders are losing areas we use to recreate. Please don't close down another area that we hold so dear.

Thank you,

Billy

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-02485:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-02486

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Madison Weaver
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in hopes to disuade the Marines from destroying a great Mecca in the 4x4 comunity.

Johnson valley is not just another OHV area. It is a destination that people travel from all over the world to come visit, spend money, and enjoy. All of this travel into Johnson VAlley helps support local businesses, that may be hurting in this poor ecomonmy. The main event each year is King of the Hammers, which brought enough people and money to the lakebed, to cause a waste management company to call in their competitors to help with demand. how often do competing companies help another gain a buck?

Not just is the local econmy in danger if JV is lost to the marines, but the offroad industry will also suffer greatly. There are many 6 figure race cars built for soley one purpose, to race at the hammers. and its not just big budget racers at the hammers, its everyday people, families, friends just having fun doing what they love, 4wheelin. Its destinations like the hammers that drive the offroad industry to continue to grow and improve, the trails are rugged and not for the faint of heart, cuasing people to always strive for something more out of their vehicle.

In my personal experience I have never been to a wheeling spot in my life that could even compare to the Hammers. Out at the Hammers its about having fun and foregeting the griefs of reality for a couple of days. I am sure there are countless others like me who are always looking forward to that next trip out to the Hammers and would be devastated to see it closed off to the public.

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Sincerely,

Madison Weaver

Response to Comment N-02486:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02487

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02487:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Sincerely,

Karl Knowlton

Response to Comment N-02489:

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please listen to the people! we pay the bills!

Sincerely,

justin quigley

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Daniel Jaquith

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Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-02492:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Burt

Response to Comment N-02494:

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Comment ID: N-02495

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Sincerely,

Brandon Cordova

Response to Comment N-02495:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-02496:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02497

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02497:

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

CHRISTOPER JOHNSON

Response to Comment N-02498:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Johnson Valley, home of the Hammers OHV trails, represents the mecca of off-roading on the west coast. Every year, more public land is taken away from outdoor enthusiasts and this is one of the most crucial times to encourage the Marines to expand elsewhere. We are all in support of our military, but please don't take away what so many hard working Americans are fighting for; keeping public lands open to the public.

Sincerely,
H. Scott Winsor
President, Poly Goats Off-Road Club

Sincerely,

H. Scott Winsor

Response to Comment N-02499:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02500

Comment ID: N-02500
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chris McGaw

Response to Comment N-02500:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02501

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02501:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02502

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Nathan James

Response to Comment N-02502:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02503

Comment ID: N-02503
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for reading this e-mail!

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-02503:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02504

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. This seems the best solution. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02504:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

James Mross

Response to Comment N-02505:

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Comment ID: N-02506

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. And on top of that, Johnson Valley is the greatest rock crawling place on this planet. Just look to the success of the King of the Hammers race! With spectators traveling from all over the world, as well as competitors, this is a world famous off-roading area. People drive from all over the country to enjoy the uniqueness of Johnson Valley outside of the race.

We are a community who supports the Marine Corp., please support us!

Sincerely,

darren gill

Response to Comment N-02506:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02507

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02507:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02508

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02508:

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Comment ID: N-02509

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please take the time to consider the impact expanding 29 Palms west would have on the large number of citizens currently enjoying the properly designated OHV area. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Todd Williams

Response to Comment N-02509:

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Comment ID: N-02510

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02510:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02511

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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OHV use is expanding in this country and the areas to use and enjoy OHV's is shrinking. This puts more pressure on the areas that do remain open. The majority of OHV users are responsible people, we clean up after others and tread lightly. Unfortunately there is the minority that ruins it for everyone.

I encourage you to explore other options so that we can all continue to enjoy the Johnson Valley OHV area.

Sincerely,

Bryan Bagwell

Response to Comment N-02511:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Comment ID: N-02512

Comment ID: N-02512
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steve Rhoades
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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02512:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02513

Comment ID: N-02513
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02513:

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Comment ID: N-02514

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. I grew up beside Ft. Hood Texas and have had first person experience how disruptive the noise can be. Please find another way to accommodate the Marines needs.

Sincerely,

Dallas Dees

Response to Comment N-02514:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-02515

Comment ID: N-02515
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Noise pollution is a very real concern in the modern world. Examining an expansion east is a responsible way to do your part in curtailing this ever increasing problem

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02515:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-02516

Comment ID: N-02516
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Conway
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

MOVE EAST!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02516:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-02517

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

justin day

Response to Comment N-02517:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02518

Comment ID: N-02518
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.
Please consider these citizens and their homes when thinking about expanding into the JV OHV area. The effect on these taxpayers will be incredibly detrimental, and other alternatives should be considered.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02518:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02519

Comment ID: N-02519
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Not to mention the huge impact it would have on local wildlife.

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02519:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02520

Comment ID: N-02520
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02520:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02521

Comment ID: N-02521
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. By expanding to the east, the noise level's brought on by the marines will not increase in these residential areas.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02521:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-02522

Comment ID: N-02522
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

As serious off roaders that we are, We leave a much less impact on the community with what we do.

Sincerely,

Martin Pierce

Response to Comment N-02522:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02523

Comment ID: N-02523
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02523:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02524

Comment ID: N-02524
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02524:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02525

Comment ID: N-02525
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02525:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02526

Comment ID: N-02526
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02526:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02527

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02527:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02528

Comment ID: N-02528
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02528:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02529

Comment ID: N-02529
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02529:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02530

Comment ID: N-02530
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02530:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02531

Comment ID: N-02531
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02531:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02532

Comment ID: N-02532
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02532:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-02533

Comment ID: N-02533
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02533:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02534

Comment ID: N-02534
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steve Rhoades
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02534:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02535

Comment ID: N-02535
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

It is a fact of life and the world we live in that our Military needs additional area to train. It is also completely necessary for our Military to give the public adequate time to evaluate the studies done on the expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area. There simply has not been adequate time for the users who come from all over the country to evaluate and comment on this proposal. A short review and comment time yields commentary with very little value because the public hasn't had time to fully review the documents and methodology used to make the decision.

Additionally, many of the fighting men and women in the military enjoy OHV activities, and on any give weekend you'll see countless marines enjoying the Johnson Valley OHV area to unwind, relax, and enjoy this wonderful country the fight to defend. You must go East. Spare Johnson Valley OHV, and leave this area open for the use of the american public and the recreational use of our military.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02535:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02536

Comment ID: N-02536
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02536:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02537

Comment ID: N-02537
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period to give adequate time to the public for a thorough and complete examination and understanding of the submitted documents

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02537:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02538

Comment ID: N-02538
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-02538:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02539

Comment ID: N-02539
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. The public was not informed in a substantiated enough way to get everyone's opinion.

Move east!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02539:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02540

Comment ID: N-02540
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Nick McMurray
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. This decision to expand West has an impact on more than just offroaders, it affects hikers, campers, and many other people who recreate in Johnson Valley. Please at least extend the public comment period to allow those who may not be aware, but use JV, to give their input on this decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02540:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02541

Comment ID: N-02541
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02541:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02542

Comment ID: N-02542
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Culver
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Thanks so much!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02542:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02543

Comment ID: N-02543
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brad Buter
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, they are not getting accurate accounts from the public on their proposed expansion.
The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.
Only if the comment period is extended and the general population is made more aware of what is proposed can a realistic measure of public support or lack thereof be assured.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02543:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02544

Comment ID: N-02544
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02544:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02545

Comment ID: N-02545
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02545:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02546

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Martin Pierce

Response to Comment N-02546:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02547

Comment ID: N-02547
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02547:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02548

Comment ID: N-02548
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02548:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02549

Comment ID: N-02549
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02549:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02550

Comment ID: N-02550
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02550:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02551

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02551:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02552:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02553

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to ge thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02553:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02554

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02554:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02555

Comment ID: N-02555
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV users of this great nation deserve to exercise our rights to comment on the pending changes to Johnson Valley. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Please do not infringe on our rights to decide what the citizens of this country would like to see happen in Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Jason Tuggle

Response to Comment N-02555:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02556

Comment ID: N-02556
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02556:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02557

Comment ID: N-02557
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02557:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02558

Comment ID: N-02558
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02558:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02559

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. The request made of the OHV comunity is gigantic, it feels as if we are expected to jump through hoops and while willing to go that extra mile it take time and the alloted time just isnt enough. Please extend that period for us.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02559:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02560

Comment ID: N-02560
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02560:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02561

Comment ID: N-02561
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02561:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02562

Comment ID: N-02562
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. We need more time to read, understand and consider all opinions and options before commenting.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02562:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02563

Comment ID: N-02563
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

josh lombardo

Response to Comment N-02563:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-02564

Comment ID: N-02564
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steve Rhoades
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02564:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02565

Comment ID: N-02565
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jacob Bevill
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Don't you like beautiful scenery? I know who does. The children. Think of them.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02565:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02566

Comment ID: N-02566
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Conway
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area. OHV enthusiasts clean up the desert to ensure it is kept pristine!

Move East!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02566:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02567

Comment ID: N-02567
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jamie Kelly
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02567:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02568

Comment ID: N-02568
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. tyler Gowans
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

with so many of this countries beautiful lands being closed to the public human population, it is an ashame to limit the public from viewing the greatness of JV. if the air force wanted exclusive use of the grand canyon the people would be up in arms about it but to many this natural wonder of JV is just as important. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. if we allow this beautiful land to be closed and damaged, then we start down the slippery slope of closing all natural beauties to the public.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02568:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02569

Comment ID: N-02569
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brad Buter
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venice, CA 90291

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.
Please do not ruin this unique and beautiful environment when more suitable options exist nearby with far less natural beauty.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02569:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02570

Comment ID: N-02570
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Parsons
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02570:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02571

Comment ID: N-02571
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02571:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02572

Comment ID: N-02572
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02572:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02573

Comment ID: N-02573
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02573:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02574

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02574:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02575

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02575:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02576

Comment ID: N-02576
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02576:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02577

Comment ID: N-02577
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02577:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02578

Comment ID: N-02578
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Us offroaders don;t destroy the land as much as a few bombs and radiation would.

Sincerely,

Brandon Cordova

Response to Comment N-02578:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02579

Comment ID: N-02579
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02579:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02580

Comment ID: N-02580
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02580:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02581

Comment ID: N-02581
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02581:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02582

Comment ID: N-02582
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02582:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02583

Comment ID: N-02583
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02583:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-02584

Comment ID: N-02584
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Please allow the OHV users to maintain this area as we have been. We have been working hard for years to maintain this area.. please don't take away what we have tried so hard to keep.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02584:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02585

Comment ID: N-02585
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02585:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02586

Comment ID: N-02586
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Please understand that I completely support the military and want our fighting forces to have the best training in the world. It is imperative that the Marine's look at going East instead of taking over the Johnson Valley OHV area. OHV users are one of the military's largest supporters and for this expansion East is the only way to go.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02586:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02587

Comment ID: N-02587
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02587:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02588

Comment ID: N-02588
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. The efforts of the OHV community to conatin their fluids will be for nothing should the marines move in to Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02588:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02589

Comment ID: N-02589
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-02589:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02590

Comment ID: N-02590
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor as part of the training exercises. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. I have not seen it addressed in the EIS whether the Marines will do likewise or not.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Bank

Response to Comment N-02590:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-02591

Comment ID: N-02591
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to greatly decrease the amount of fluids that come in contact with the desert floor should they be spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will use spill kits and lay tarps under leaking vehicles or when refueling vehicles or not.

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02591:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02592

Comment ID: N-02592
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. This is an important issue and is something the OHV community battles constantly to improve our image. This is an important issue for you to consider in this and expansion East as well.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02592:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02593

Comment ID: N-02593
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02593:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02594

Comment ID: N-02594
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Parsons
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02594:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02595

Comment ID: N-02595
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ventura, CA 93003

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Thanks so much!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02595:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02596

Comment ID: N-02596
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I feel they will harm JV OHV area in a huge way with their maneuvers.
With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.
If the EIS is to comprehensive and truly study the impact of Marine expansion into the area, please place them under the same rules that OHV users have been happy to embrace for protection of our OHV environment. Military vehicles are not subject to the same environmental standards as civilian registered vehicles and will be much more detrimental to the area. Please allow the EIS to show the true impact of this proposed expansion.

Sincerely,

brad buter

Response to Comment N-02596:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02597

Comment ID: N-02597
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02597:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02598

Comment ID: N-02598
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02598:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02599

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Keeping the local environment clean is critical. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02599:

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02600:

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Sincerely,

Dave Gutwillig

Response to Comment N-02601:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02602:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02603

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02603:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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As a whole the OHV community takes pride in the way the treat the land and trails.

Sincerely,

Mike Nixon

Response to Comment N-02604:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02605

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The marines are not going to clean up after themselves and preserve this area like off-roaders do. in the past we may have had bad track record, but with nearly all of our land taken away due to improper safeguarding and care we can no longer afford to be so careless

please keep Johnson Valley a recreational area, not for use as a military training area when many other locations will suffice.

Sincerely,

Taylor Wade

Response to Comment N-02605:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-02606

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02606:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02607

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Sincerely,

Matthew Boehner

Response to Comment N-02607:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Johnson Valley has a fragile ecosystem that the local and offroad community respect!

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02608:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02609

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for reading this e-mail

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Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Jason Dunn

Response to Comment N-02609:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-02610
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02610:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-02611
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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What about ordinances and other military specific pollutants.

Sincerely,

scott miller

Response to Comment N-02611 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-02611 (Page 2 of 2):

clearance operations following every major exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02612

Comment ID: N-02612
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Peters

Response to Comment N-02612:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02613

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Sincerely,

wayne hartwig

Response to Comment N-02613:

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Comment ID: N-02614

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Sincerely,

Michael Kimmel

Response to Comment N-02614:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02615

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02615:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02616

Comment ID: N-02616
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even temporary use of the Johnson Valley OHV area as a live ordinance training area by the marines will make this area permanently off limits to any public use. The public should not loose any more access to public lands. These areas are fewer and farther between each and every year. PUBLIC LANDS SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Do not close an area that is currently open.

GO EAST MARINES

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02616:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-02617

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Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02617:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02618

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02618:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02619

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MOVE EAST!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02619:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-02620

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Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02620:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02621

Comment ID: N-02621
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jon Oeller

Response to Comment N-02621:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02622

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brant Willis

Response to Comment N-02622:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02623

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.
For an accurate assesment, please address this type of issue and look for other suitable expansion plans that do not so negatively effect the OHV community of citizens and taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02623:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-02624

Comment ID: N-02624
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02624:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02625

Comment ID: N-02625
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Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02625:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02626

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02626:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02627

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02627:

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Comment ID: N-02628

Comment ID: N-02628
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02628:

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Comment ID: N-02629

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02629:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02630

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02630:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02631:

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Comment ID: N-02632

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02632:

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Comment ID: N-02633

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-02633:

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Comment ID: N-02634

Comment ID: N-02634
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02634:

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Comment ID: N-02635

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02635:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02636

Comment ID: N-02636
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris McGaw

Response to Comment N-02636:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02637

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02637:

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Comment ID: N-02638

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brandon Cordova

Response to Comment N-02638:

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Comment ID: N-02639

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02639:

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Comment ID: N-02640

Comment ID: N-02640
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Steve Rhoades
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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02640:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02641

Comment ID: N-02641
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Alexander

Response to Comment N-02641:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02642

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Futhermore is a location already in posession of the USMC not suitable for such training, should the large scale training be deemed necessary. The way combat has been trending toward guerilla warfare over the past 50 years, to rob the OHV community of an irreplacable OHV area in order to train the marines in a manner which could be compared to the red coats lining up shoulder to shoulder is a great injustice to many whom go to great lenths that they may practice their hobby, passion, and lifestyle legally. Lastly, the area to the east would be much better suited for this type of training.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02642:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-02643

Comment ID: N-02643
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Please take into consideration the thousands of people that come to the area for recreation that can only be found in that area.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Response to Comment N-02643:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02644

Comment ID: N-02644
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02644:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02645

Comment ID: N-02645
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

At the same time, we as wheelers or outdoor people are loosing public land. I have been out to Johnson Vally once for the KOH race. And would love to actually take time to enjoy it for my self one day with my own truck. Im hoping you understand how many people you will be affecting form this land clouser and give it another thought. All the down south from Texas please keep this open for the locals as well as every one else that plan or still visit there.

Steve

Sincerely,

Steve Earnest

Response to Comment N-02645:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02646

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?
The need for such large areas to train seems to not be needed in todays type of warfare. Please study the actual needs of the forces and scout viable alternatives if necessary that wont negatively effect the lives of so many OHV using Americans.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02646:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Especially now that our fine SEAL team has disposed of public enemy #1! Thanks

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02647:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02648:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02649

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02649:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02650

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02650:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02651

Comment ID: N-02651
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

I suggest a expansion either due east or north. Ft. Irwin Is a fine area to use also. Why can't the Army and Marines work together on training?

Sincerely,

Martin Pierce

Response to Comment N-02651:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02652

Comment ID: N-02652
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Last I heard, Obama wants to pull out troops out of the middle east. If this is true, why do the Marines need to expand? And if they do need to expand, why does it have to be towards the Johnson Valley OHV area?

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02652:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02653

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02653:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02654:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02655:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02656:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02657

Comment ID: N-02657
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02657:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02658

Comment ID: N-02658
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02658:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02659

Comment ID: N-02659
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02659:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02660

Comment ID: N-02660
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02660:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02661

Comment ID: N-02661
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

The fact that osama binladen is dead changes our need to even fight on Afgan soil..wich from what i understand is what the ohv are is wanted for because it resembles afganistan? by the time training begins the battlfield will have changed..

Sincerely,

Richard Agostino

Response to Comment N-02661:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02662

Comment ID: N-02662
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02662:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02663

Comment ID: N-02663
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? In todays world, more training should be focused on urban combat instead of large open terrain combat.

Sincerely,

Andrew Yarch

Response to Comment N-02663:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-02664

Comment ID: N-02664
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02664:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02665

Comment ID: N-02665
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02665:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02666

Comment ID: N-02666
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased

MOVE EAST!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02666:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02667

Comment ID: N-02667
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02667:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02668

Comment ID: N-02668
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. we dont need more fire danger.

Sincerely,

justin day

Response to Comment N-02668:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02669

Comment ID: N-02669
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.
This would have a terrible effect on the area and cause increased erosion.
Please reconsider expansion into the area and instead work to find alternatives tha will not have such a negative effect on the area.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02669:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02670

Comment ID: N-02670
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. With the unpredictable wind gusts, the potential for disaster would be huge!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02670:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02671

Comment ID: N-02671
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02671:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02672

Comment ID: N-02672
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02672:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02673

Comment ID: N-02673
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02673:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02674

Comment ID: N-02674
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Jonnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02674:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02675

Comment ID: N-02675
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02675:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02676

Comment ID: N-02676
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02676:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02677

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02677:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02678

Comment ID: N-02678
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02678:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02679

Comment ID: N-02679
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02679:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02680

Comment ID: N-02680
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02680:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02681

Comment ID: N-02681
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02681:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02682

Comment ID: N-02682
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Once a fire starts in this area it will soon become out of control and require a lot of money to contain.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02682:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02683

Comment ID: N-02683
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02683:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-02684

Comment ID: N-02684
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02684:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02685

Comment ID: N-02685
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-02685:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02686

Comment ID: N-02686
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." It would be a shame both to the OHV community as well as the nation to completely devestate an entire area that currently functions so well as a revenue generator as well as a historic landmark.

Sincerely,

Derek Kagley

Response to Comment N-02686:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02687

Comment ID: N-02687
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02687:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02688

Comment ID: N-02688
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02688:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02689

Comment ID: N-02689
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Robert Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02689:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02690

Comment ID: N-02690
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."
Please reconsider the use of this area, as maneuvers here would be dangerous to the public and harm OHV users now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02690:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." working around live amunition has made me aware of the amount of time it takes to keep an area safe, and this is on a much smaller scale than you have planned. if you move forward with your plan JV will become a wasteland full of explosive dangers just like some 3rd world country.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02691:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02692

Comment ID: N-02692
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02692:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02693

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02693:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02694

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Sincerely,

Tim Harrigan

Response to Comment N-02694:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02695

Comment ID: N-02695
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02695:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-02696
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lauren Aoyama

Response to Comment N-02696:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to make sure my family is safe. Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02697:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Rick Bailey

Response to Comment N-02698:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02699:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02700:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02701

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Darren Gill

Response to Comment N-02701:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02702

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Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02702:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02703

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02703:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02704

Comment ID: N-02704
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02704:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02705:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-02706

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Steve Rhoades

Response to Comment N-02706:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02707

Comment ID: N-02707
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02707:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02708

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jacob Bevill

Response to Comment N-02708:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02709

Comment ID: N-02709
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Move EAST!

Sincerely,

Chris Conway

Response to Comment N-02709:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02710

Comment ID: N-02710
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly

Response to Comment N-02710:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02711

Comment ID: N-02711
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. JV is the test ground for a lot of sports. Lets keep it open to the public

Sincerely,

Jon Oeller

Response to Comment N-02711:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02712

Comment ID: N-02712
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I respect the US Marines and what they do for our country, I strongly disagree with their proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.
This is literally the most important OHV area in the country and the most used. The entire community and the industry that supports it would feel the negative effects of expansion into the JV OHV area. Please consider other less damaging alternatives that affect these businesses and citizens less.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-02712:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02713

Comment ID: N-02713
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-02713:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02714

Comment ID: N-02714
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Not to mention the many other desert racing events that are attended but people from all over the world!

Sincerely,

Chris Culver

Response to Comment N-02714:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02715

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chris Parsons

Response to Comment N-02715:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02716

Comment ID: N-02716
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. And after the parts are tested in Johnson Valley, the users are more willing to purchase these parts, and then take them to Johnson Valley, and recreate in the desert with their families. The less OHV area's there are, the less products will be purchaced to use in these OHV areas, which will lead to more failed small business's, and a worse state of our economy.

Sincerely,

Brian Whitford

Response to Comment N-02716:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02717

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Steven Rector

Response to Comment N-02717:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02718

Comment ID: N-02718
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02718:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02719

Comment ID: N-02719
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Lauren Goldenstien

Response to Comment N-02719:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02720

Comment ID: N-02720
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former Marine, I understand the need for training areas, but I also understand the need for both the community and Marines stationed at 29 stumps to have Johnson Valley open to OHV traffic. Not only does Johnson Valley create events that bring in tourists, but they have created industry in surrounding areas; offroad shops, stores, gas stations, etc. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

My great uncle was stationed in 29 Palms and still lives in Joshua Tree. I take the opportunity to visit him during King of Hammers each and every year and I believe it's an opportunity to incorporate the Marines: mud runs, military events, etc. Join us, don't fight us.

Cpl Irvin
VMFA 112 03-09

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-02720:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02721

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Ron Fetter

Response to Comment N-02721:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02722

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Expansion to the West into Johnson Valley would be a hit to the OHV industry itself. At the present time, many major companies use events at the OHV area to test their products.
Along with the OHV industry, the tourism industry for the local economy would take a huge deficit in revenue. Many of the events, like the King of the Hammers, bring in thousands of visitors to the area. These visitors spend quite a bit of money in the local community in the way of food, fuel and lodging.
While fully supporting our Armed Forces, it is my hope that the Marine Corp will consider the alternative of expansion to the East rather than overtaking Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Richard Wilson

Response to Comment N-02722:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-02723

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Cody Trigg

Response to Comment N-02723:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02724

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The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Don Arter

Response to Comment N-02724:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Alan Ater

Response to Comment N-02725:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02726

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-02726:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Not only does this race and area drive product innovation (which in turn drives sales) it also is a boon for the local economy. I live a couple thousand miles away and and have already made one trip to the area and plan to make several more.

Sincerely,

Robert Reed

Response to Comment N-02727:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02728

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Adam Wiegmann

Response to Comment N-02728:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02729

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Whitaker Behrens

Response to Comment N-02729:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02730

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

William Lashmit

Response to Comment N-02730:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02731

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area – home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Thomas Bank

Response to Comment N-02731:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02732

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are tired of our trails being closed when it would be less costly to renivate them. You are taking away a wonderful family, harmless, outdoor enthusiast sport at an alarming rate. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. We understand the need for some trails to be without vehicles, however the numbers that are being shut down are rediculous. It's a damn shame by the time my daulghter gets her jeep trail ready she will be confined to private parks because the only trails we have left are paved.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Lewis

Response to Comment N-02732:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02733

Comment ID: N-02733
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern,

The proposed plan to expand military use into the Johnson Valley area is a very poorly thought out plan that will lead to the inevitable closure of the area to the public.
If you would review nearly any similar project in the last 20 years, you would know this is true.
Telling OHV enthusiasts that this will not happen is, in my opinion, out right lying.

Sincerely,

Ian Rupenthal

Response to Comment N-02733:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02734

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I greatly respect the men and women of our military, i disagree with the proposed expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area.
Similar to my own, many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.
I began going to JV in the late 80's with my father and his flat fender Jeep. My two brothers and I would look forward to our 3-4 trips there per year as a time to explore the natural desert and connect with eachother and our father. I have continued to visit JV OHV area about 8-10 weekends a year ever since those days. I now take my jeep with my daughter, and typically meet up with other families with similar interests for a weekend of off-the grid family recreation.
In addition, every thanksgiving, my brothers and I, as well as our families, meet in Johnson Valley for a week of off roading and exploration, as a way of honoring my late father who ushered in our love of the outdoors with our many trips to Johnson Valley.
JV is a special place not just for me, but for countless off road enthusiasts. It exists as a desert oasis that allows us to leave the sprawl of So Cal and get back to the natural world while testing our vehicles and family bonds.
It would be a real shame to take this place from families like mine. Our traditions and link to our fathers' love of the desert and JV would be lost. Please consider other areas of expansion that would not be so detrimental to the off road community that has been so under fire lately. We salute you, Marines, but please let us be Free to do what we love, where we have been doing it for nearly 30 years.

Thank you for your consideration--Brad Buter

Sincerely,

brad buter

Response to Comment N-02734:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02735

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former "ordie" I understand the long term threat of live ordnance being used in Johnson Valley for decades to come. Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordnance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." The liability issues alone would cause commanders to say no to any future use.

Too much risk, not enough reward.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

Response to Comment N-02735:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02736

Comment ID: N-02736
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please re-think your plans to expand training in the now allowable OHV area of Means Dry Lake bed.

I am an active promoter of our Military and see the need for training opportunities but to do so in an area frequented by thousands of tax paying individuals when adjacent areas could be used does not seem like the best solution.

Thanks for this consideration

Sincerely,

Tim Downs

Response to Comment N-02736:

Thank you for your comment and suggestions for project alternatives. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered these and other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02737

Comment ID: N-02737
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson valley is an Awesome place to get away for the week or the weekend.
The KOH race that takes place here is a growing race and will only get bigger as the years go on!

Sincerely,

kenton matchell

Response to Comment N-02737:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02738

Comment ID: N-02747
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02738:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02739

Comment ID: N-02739
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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

I would suggest that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

josh lombardo

Response to Comment N-02739:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02740

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. There are still people that live nearby and the dust is allready bad enough from the desert without heavy tracked vehicles making it worse

Thank You

Rusty Folena

Sincerely,

Rusty Folena

Response to Comment N-02740:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02741

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-02741:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02742

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-02742:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02743

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Jason Boie

Response to Comment N-02743:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02744

Comment ID: N-02744
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02744:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02745:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02746

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02746:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02747

Comment ID: N-02747
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02747:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02748:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Scott Sroufe

Response to Comment N-02749:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-02750:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02751

Comment ID: N-02751
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-02751:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-02752:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-02753:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02754

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-02754:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02755:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-02756:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-02757:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-02758:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-02759:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02760

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-02760:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02761

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-02761:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-02762

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-02762:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-02763

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Please leave the land available to thsi huge community of entusiasts! There are plenty of other areas that could be utilized by teh Marines for training and would not leave thsi huge of a void!

Sincerely,

Gui Eberhard

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Gui Eberhard

Response to Comment N-02763:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02764

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Denis Volkov

Response to Comment N-02764:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Sincerely,

Brad Blankenship

Response to Comment N-02765:

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Comment ID: N-02766

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Sincerely,

Doug Bigelow

Response to Comment N-02766:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02767

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Sincerely,

Rick Grove

Response to Comment N-02767:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02768

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The Marines do not need more land to take over for bases and exercises. The government should have thought about the need for space when BRACS were being carried out.

I would like to point out that within the armed forces there is a vast amount of base land. The armed forces should work together to share space.

Sincerely,

Christopher Conners

Response to Comment N-02768:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02769

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.
Why close more land to OHV users?
Too much land has been closed off to us already!
Every time we turn around, we are getting slapped in the face by one group or another! We are fed up with all of this!

Sincerely,

Andy Angell

Response to Comment N-02769:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02770

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

pete major

Response to Comment N-02770:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02771

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Sincerely,

Andy Angell

Response to Comment N-02771:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02772

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. By closing these areas, the economic effect will trinkle down. this will effect all locals , the loss of money to a city will be a loss or closer of jobs, shops, gas stations, markets etc. I have used these lands since i was young, shared them with my family and now with my grandson.

Sincerely,

Eric Cox

Response to Comment N-02772:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02773

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Michael Grove

Response to Comment N-02773:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02774

Comment ID: N-02774
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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-Greg

Sincerely,

greg eckhardt

Response to Comment N-02774:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02775

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Sincerely,

Alex Valle

Response to Comment N-02775:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02776

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Thomas Niebauer

Response to Comment N-02776:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02777

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As an avid OHV enthusiast Johnson Valley is one of my favorite places to go visit. I have been going as often as possible for the past few years and would be greatly disapointed to lose the chance to continue to visit such a great place.

Sincerely,

Joshua Verdier

Response to Comment N-02777:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02778

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I think it that the closing of Johnson Valley OHV is a terrible idea. It will further destroy a disheartened segment of the wheeling community. Those who use the park are losing land almost daily. Dont take away one of the last remaining great parks in the United States. It is home to one of the largest events in the 4X4 community; bringing in competitors from all over the world.

This is public land and thus should remain open to the public. How dare you tread on us.

Sincerely,

Sean Reddy

Response to Comment N-02778:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02779

Comment ID: N-02779
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-02779:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02780

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-02780:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02781

Comment ID: N-02781
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Christopher Ofsthun

Response to Comment N-02781:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02782

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Sincerely,

Kim Carpenter

Response to Comment N-02782:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02783

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Johnson Valley
Johnson Valley in Southern California is the home of the Hammers trail system, and home to the famous King of the Hammers. It is a mecca for hard-core off-roading, and is much harder than the Rubicon trail, and just as important to the OHV community. People from all over the world literally travel to the hammers to wheel. Furthermore, many 4x4 companies also test their products at the Hammers.

29 Palms Marine Corps base to the East of Johnson Valley wants to expand in size. Instead of expanding east into useless wilderness areas, they want to go West into Johnson Valley with the hopes that the OHV community will not put up much of a fight.

The loss of this area would hurt the entire OHV community. We can't let them expand West.

Sincerely,

Kris Coleman

Response to Comment N-02783:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02784

Comment ID: N-02784
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02784:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02785

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The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV.

An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to completed before this area is lost.

Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-02785:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02786

Comment ID: N-02786
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rick MacDuffie

Response to Comment N-02786:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02787

Comment ID: N-02787
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02787:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02788

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

TJ mccray

Response to Comment N-02788:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02789

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-02789:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02790

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thank You

Rusty Folena

Sincerely,

Rusty Folena

Response to Comment N-02790:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the reduction in availability of OHV land would cause significant impacts to recreation under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The analyses presented in the EIS acknowledge and discuss the impacts that reduced recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage and potential overcrowding in other areas, as well as related impacts to other environmental resources.

Comment ID: N-02791

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Anthony Huff

Response to Comment N-02791:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02792

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02792:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02793

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Sincerely,

Ross Ashley

Response to Comment N-02793:

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Comment ID: N-02794

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Johnson Valley is also home to one of the largest OHV events in the world, the King of the Hammers. There are less and less places all over the country to enjoy our sport. People have to travel farther and with the price of gas that just isn't always feasible. The result is either people breaking the law or just giving up the sport altogether.

Sincerely,

Bryan Bagwell

Response to Comment N-02794:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02795

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-02795:

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Comment ID: N-02796

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-02796:

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Comment ID: N-02797

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Sincerely,

Richard McCoy

Response to Comment N-02797:

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Comment ID: N-02798

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I am amazed that there are actually people think that think this is a major ecological issue. Secondly, lets not push more and more of our families back inside their houses. Lets not make every piece of land use private. Lets not close down a major part of the U.S. culture. Regulated OHV land use is far better than illegal trespassing on our tax dollars. What is the lesser of the two evils? Give us a break already. It is a cleaner sport than the alternative that's being offered by closing public OHV trails. Prove me wrong before you rashly close down public land.

Sincerely,

Chris Glass

Response to Comment N-02798:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02799

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Hemsoth

Response to Comment N-02799:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02800

Comment ID: N-02800
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-02800:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02801

Comment ID: N-02801
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-02801:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02802

Comment ID: N-02802
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

William R. Woodland

Response to Comment N-02802:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02803

Comment ID: N-02803
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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hassell

Response to Comment N-02803:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02804

Comment ID: N-02804
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-02804:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02805

Comment ID: N-02805
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

brandon farley

Response to Comment N-02805:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02806

Comment ID: N-02806
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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At the rate of closures in another generation or two families like mine will be unable to enjoy the great outdoors whether it be for camping or OHV. I would like for my kids and grand kids to be able to enjoy the outdoor life and not be limited to camping in their own back yards.

Please reconsider the not closing the Johnson Valley OHV area.

Sincerely,

Craig Laughrin

Response to Comment N-02806:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02807

Comment ID: N-02807
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Zach Sirkin

Response to Comment N-02807:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02808

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jake Davis

Response to Comment N-02808:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02809

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I think it is in the best interest for the state of california, the government, and the offroad community to look into every option. this property has a lot of history behind it. and is one of the few remaining legal spots in the usa to go offroad.
I believe you need to leave place like this alone for our offroads of today and the future.
I live in ohio and who has not heard of the "King of The Hammers desert race". I've only read about the race and caught up on current information on the internet. And one day I would like to travel west and see this race/ property in person. but if you take this away I will never have the opportunity to do this. Please come up with an alternative solution.

Thanks,
Andrew Powalie

Sincerely,

Andrew Powalie

Response to Comment N-02809:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02810

Comment ID: N-02810
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-02810:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02811

Comment ID: N-02811
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Dennis Powell

Response to Comment N-02811:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02812

Comment ID: N-02812
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-02812:

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Comment ID: N-02813

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

brandon shepherd

Response to Comment N-02813:

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Comment ID: N-02814

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kyle Holland

Response to Comment N-02814:

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Comment ID: N-02815

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Comment ID: N-02816

Comment ID: N-02816
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Lasini

Response to Comment N-02816:

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Comment ID: N-02817

Comment ID: N-02817
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alex Valie

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Comment ID: N-02818

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

james padgett

Response to Comment N-02818:

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Comment ID: N-02819

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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-02819:

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Comment ID: N-02820

Comment ID: N-02820
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02820:

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Comment ID: N-02821

Comment ID: N-02821
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02821:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02822

Comment ID: N-02822
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. The political climate after the 2012 election will change. The next administration will loosen its grip on our public lands. Please allow time for that to happen and thank you for the defense of our freedoms.
Sincerely,
James Haggerty

Sincerely,

james haggerty

Response to Comment N-02822:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02823

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. This would result in a win-win situation all around. Please look into this option so we can keep the wonderful Johnson Valley OHV area open for generation to come.

Sincerely,

colin ciecior

Response to Comment N-02823:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02824

Comment ID: N-02824
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. I'm not from the area, but there has to be other viable options to expand the area.

Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-02824:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02825

Comment ID: N-02825
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. If they did this they wouldnt have to wory about people breaking in and trying to go on the trails.

Sincerely,

Adam Kunkel

Response to Comment N-02825:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02826

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids. We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02826:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02827

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-02827:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02828

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-02828:

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Comment ID: N-02829

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Also, With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Phil Rock

Response to Comment N-02829:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-02830

Comment ID: N-02830
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hemsoth

Response to Comment N-02830:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02831

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-02831:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02832

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

greg eckhardt

Response to Comment N-02832:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-02833:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02834

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-02834:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02835

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-02835:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02836

Comment ID: N-02836
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Rob Means

Response to Comment N-02836:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02837

Comment ID: N-02837
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-02837:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-02838

Comment ID: N-02838
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Todd

Response to Comment N-02838:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02839

Comment ID: N-02839
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-02839:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02840

Comment ID: N-02840
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Graham
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To Whom It May Concern:

This area has long been used by the public. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with anyone is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Graham

Response to Comment N-02840:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02841

Comment ID: N-02841
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I've looked forward to the use of "the hammers" for the last 6 years. Finally I have the means to drive on a competitive level for the KOH race and look forward to being able to experience some of the toughest off road terrain in the country. I've been to 29 palms before during my term with the military. The base is HUGE! During our stay a soldier was lost and found only after it was too late. My point is that there is a lot of land to use there and I couldn't possibly see any reason for expanding it to include the proposed area. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. That would in turn mean more illegal wheeling due to an already dwindling resource for off-road enthusiasts. Please make the best use of the land you have available without removing this valuable resource.

Sincerely,

William Gilbert

Response to Comment N-02841:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02842

Comment ID: N-02842
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-02842:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Comment ID: N-02843

Comment ID: N-02843
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Sherman Mathieu
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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

I used to live in Texas and several years ago, at Fort Hood, many OHV groups took advantage of the "Public Access" program offered there at the HumVee training facilities. This program was successful until expansion of training facilities at Ft. Hood were reapportioned to include areas where live-fire ordnance was detonated and the "Public Access" program suddenly ceased as the base authorities "could not assure the safety of the public" due to the possibility of unexploded ordnance.

This idea of shared use is an example of government/military attempts to deceive the public into giving up their right to the lands they have traditionally enjoyed.

Please, separate yourself from the stereotype of takers and be a good neighbor. Find another sandbox!

Thank-you!

Sincerely,

Sherman Mathieu

Response to Comment N-02843:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02844

Comment ID: N-02844
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

The short version is the two activities are incompatible.

Sincerely,

Ian Clements

Response to Comment N-02844:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02845

Comment ID: N-02845
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-02845:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02846

Comment ID: N-02846
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. I can understand the need for additional training area, but I must ask that you consider the impact that the expansion will have on the community. Families and others have used the Johnson Valley area for decades. Holidays, birthdays, organized events and races are held there year round. An expansion into this area would negatively impact the surrounding community and economy. Each year, the King of the Hammers race is held there. This single event alone brings in millions of dollars of revenue to the surrounding area. Restaurants, hotels, and vendors will suffer if the area is closed to public use.

Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-02846:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rick MacDuffie

Response to Comment N-02847:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02848:

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Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-02849:

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Thank You

Rusty Folena

Sincerely,

Rusty Folena

Response to Comment N-02850:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02851:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02852:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Sincerely,

Michael Yeatts

Response to Comment N-02853:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02854:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-02855:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-02856:

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Sincerely,

Phil Rock

Response to Comment N-02857:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-02858

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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-02858:

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-02859:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

William R. Woodland

Response to Comment N-02860:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Tom Freier

Response to Comment N-02861:

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Comment ID: N-02862

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-02862:

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Comment ID: N-02863

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Sincerely,

brandon farley

Response to Comment N-02863:

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Comment ID: N-02864

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I have not yet had the funds to travel out to Johnson Valley but it is one my goals in the up coming years. It just looks like an amazing place to go four wheeling.

Please keep this land open to the public.

Sincerely,

Justin Williams

Response to Comment N-02864:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Sincerely,

Francis Mercier

Response to Comment N-02865:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Norman Harris

Response to Comment N-02866:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02867

Comment ID: N-02867
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-02867:

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Comment ID: N-02868

Comment ID: N-02868
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

I have been frequenting this place for years and have have greatly boosted the economy with purchases from local merchants for food, gas, parts. This place was empty when I fist started going down there and now there are all kinds of chain stores. Look at how the military has abandoned bases and ruined economy's in the past. Also where will all the marines take their trucks/atv's amd other toys to play. This is the best area in the entire USA for rock crawling. Where else can you take trucks over $100k and have them not finish a race because the environment is too tough on them. Do not close this area keep bombing the hills looking for bin laden as practice. Pull the troops out like you promised so they don't need more training ground.

Sincerely,

Tim Richards

Response to Comment N-02868:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02869

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rick Grove

Response to Comment N-02869:

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Comment ID: N-02870

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andy Angell

Response to Comment N-02870:

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Comment ID: N-02871

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The Johnson Valley OHV area is a yearly vacation area for me and my family, and feeds small buisness in that area. This closure would be a huge mistake, and I plead that you reconsider-

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-02871:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02872

Comment ID: N-02872
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Many buisnesses depend on our money in the area.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02872:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02873

Comment ID: N-02873
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected. In addition, with the tough economic times, visiting these areas and exploring public lands is a low cost alternative to other activities. A family of 4 can drive, camp, and explore for almost 25% the cost of a trip to a theme park. We also enjoy interacting with other campers and OHV families.

Sincerely,

Aaron Lasley

Response to Comment N-02873:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02874

Comment ID: N-02874
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-02874:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02875

Comment ID: N-02875
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.The loss of jobs, homes, it is a domino effect

Sincerely,

Eric Cox

Response to Comment N-02875:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02876

Comment ID: N-02876
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

We spend a lot of money in to the local economy when we go down to Johnson Valley. The food, supplies, fuel and rental of an RV are all provided locally and help my friends and family make the Johnson Valley a great experience.

Sincerely,

Lance Hamilton

Response to Comment N-02876:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02877

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Alex Valle

Response to Comment N-02877:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02878

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Phillip Vieira

Response to Comment N-02878:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02879

Comment ID: N-02879
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Millions are spent to prepare,transport and sustain the vehicles/people in JV. Taking land you dont need would be an act of treason against the entire JV/OHV community

Sincerely,

greg eckhardt

Response to Comment N-02879:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02880

Comment ID: N-02880
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

james padgett

Response to Comment N-02880:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02881

Comment ID: N-02881
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Johnson Valley is 'the' destination for people who are passionate about 4 wheeling.

Sincerely,

David Taylor

Response to Comment N-02881:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02882

Comment ID: N-02882
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. please GO EAST marines

Sincerely,

kaelen barden

Response to Comment N-02882:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02883

Comment ID: N-02883
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Kim Carpenter

Response to Comment N-02883:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02884

Comment ID: N-02884
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. There is more money to be had in the sport of offroading than ever before, and Johnson Valley OHV is one of the fastest(if not the fastest) growing venues in the country.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02884:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02885

Comment ID: N-02885
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02885:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02886

Comment ID: N-02886
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The marines seem to think that expanding into the Johnson Valley OHV area is the best possible way to train our military for it's current conflicts. Obviously I am a supporter of the military (current active duty US Navy) and want nothing more than to have our soldiers/sailors/airmen/marines as well trained as humanly possible. But I am whole heartedly AGAINST an expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area to do that when there are better suited options available.

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Just a few months ago I helped run the King of the Hammers(KOH) off-road race, put on by HammerKing Productions, by performing the tech inspection for all of the vehicles participating. I have read figures that our week long event brought over 1 million dollars to the local economy (which is the low estimate, there are other figures that say as high as 5 million). If the Marines take over the Johnson Valley OHV area KOH will not be able to run again, which means the local economy will be losing out on a lot of money. Add in all the money from average users that will be lost and it does not look well for the local economy.

But, it isn't just the local economy that will be affected by the loss of the Johnson Valley OHV. Many users of the OHV area travel hundreds, or like myself thousands, of miles to recreate there. The loss of this premier OHV area will lead to the loss of potential sales in communities across the country. Just a couple months ago I made two treks from the Seattle, WA area down to visit Johnson Valley. All told I spent roughly two thousand dollars in fuel alone. Add in all the other costs of my trips like food, camping supplies, etc and you can see how other communities besides those around the Johnson Valley OHV area can be affected.

Also, we must keep in mind the affect the loss of the Johnson Valley OHV will have on the many companies that produce products that are used in the area. I do not have exact figures, but I would guess that millions of dollars are spent on products used in the area. with the loss of the johnson valley OHV area, how many of those companies would still be in business and what would the overall effect end up being?

Due to these factors I believe it would be too much of an economic burden if the Marines expand into the Johnson Valley OHV area and recomend they find another option.

Sincerely,

Christopher Rea

Response to Comment N-02886:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02887

Comment ID: N-02887
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Our sport brings in hundreds of thousands of dollars of revenue to the area. This is the BEST rockcrawling in the world! It's no secret that California needs help like all states in this awesome country, closing this area to the rest of the nation and world would have very ill effects on the economy of California! Please hear us out! Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Marc Woodruff

Response to Comment N-02887:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02888

Comment ID: N-02888
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The current small towns that surround Johnson Valley would lose out on Money. OHV people buy gas, food, lodging, spare parts, eat at local restaraunts. What would the Marines due to replace this money lost to the local comunity?

Thank You

Rusty Folena

Sincerely,

Rusty Folena

Response to Comment N-02888:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02889

Comment ID: N-02889
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

John Zerblis

Response to Comment N-02889:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02890

Comment ID: N-02890
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-02890:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02891

Comment ID: N-02891
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I dont think the military will share there grants with the local community but the money generated from wheelers helps the local economy

Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02891:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02892

Comment ID: N-02892
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. People and companies come from all over to support the land use, as well as get their names out. We're trying to make the economy and standards of living better, not worse.

Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-02892:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02893

Comment ID: N-02893
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. The cities around Johnson Valley wouldnt make as much profit if the Marines moved there. The people in the cities wouldnt be able to watch the amazing KOH, they would have to wory about other changes that the Marines would do.

Sincerely,

Adam Kunkel

Response to Comment N-02893:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02894

Comment ID: N-02894
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.
Every time I go through apple valley or landers I fill the truck up, go shopping for groceries, and grab a bite to eat.
not to mention going into town when a part breaks.

Paul Arciniega

Sincerely,

Paul Arciniega

Response to Comment N-02894:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02895

Comment ID: N-02895
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02895:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02896

Comment ID: N-02896
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the years, if I were to have saved up the money spent in the surrounding towns of Yucca Valley, Lucerne, and Apple Valley on each of the trips taken to Johnson Valley OHV my 401K's and retirement funds would have higher balances. However I would not have the experiences and memories of great trips with great friends, experiencing our great outdoors. Instead I spent this money in little towns in the California desert. Towns that depend heavily upon the OHV crowd for revenue. I urge you to reconsider your decision to expand 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley OHV area. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Farrell

Response to Comment N-02896:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02897

Comment ID: N-02897
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Ross Ashley

Response to Comment N-02897:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02898

Comment ID: N-02898
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. JV accounts for an estimated 200,000 visitors a year.

Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-02898:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02899

Comment ID: N-02899
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-02899:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02900

Comment ID: N-02900
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

William Gentile

Response to Comment N-02900:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02901

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hemsoth

Response to Comment N-02901:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02902

Comment ID: N-02902
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-02902:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02903

Comment ID: N-02903
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-02903:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02904

Comment ID: N-02904
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-02904:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02905

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Please consider looking elsewhere for your expansion.

Michael Gilmet

Sincerely,

Michael Gilmet

Response to Comment N-02905:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02906

Comment ID: N-02906
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the talk these days involving the economy, it would be a serious error to expand 29 Palms into Johnson Valley. The loss of revenue to the local economy would most likely result in the failure of local businesses in the area.
Many families, mine included, plan yearly vacations with utilizing areas like Johnson Valley OHV in the plan. With the area closed to the public, we would most likely choose another destination, as would others, resulting in revenue lost.
With the utmost respect for the Marine Corp, I would like to request that they seriously consider expanding to the East rather than into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Richard Wilson

Response to Comment N-02906:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02907

Comment ID: N-02907
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Brian Lumbert

Response to Comment N-02907:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02908

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

I've seen it before where I live and 4 wheel. A similar situation happened in Pennsylvania with one of the largest east coast OHV parks, Paragon. The local economy is now starving for business that onced thrived on the weekends with travelers from in and around Pennsylvania.

Don't let this happen to you guys out in California, our economy can't keep taking these kind of small negative hits.

Sincerely,
Rob Isoldi
A concerened 4 Wheeler

Sincerely,

Robert Isoldi

Response to Comment N-02908:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02909

Comment ID: N-02909
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Robert Honaker

Response to Comment N-02909:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02910

Comment ID: N-02910
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I live in Victorville and see how many people come from the Johnson Valley every weekend. They stop and eat. They stop and get fuel. They buy groceries. The local economy needs Johnson Valley OHV

Sincerely,

Mark Trentham

Response to Comment N-02910:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02911

Comment ID: N-02911
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

I am an avid OHV operator, currently living in upstate NY. One of my dreams is to travel to Johnson Valley to experience the unique terrain that has been a centerpiece of of the OHV community for years. There are thousands of families that use this area each year and losing the area would limit the growth of our hobby and even some companies livelihood.

Sincerely,

Aaron Graham

Response to Comment N-02911:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02912

Comment ID: N-02912
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Steven Dussart

Response to Comment N-02912:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02913

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. During these tough economic times, I don't believe it to be responsible of the government to so negatively impact the local economy. Driving hard-working Americans deeper into the pit of economic despair is against the best interests of those citizens that the Marines have sworn to protect.

Sincerely,

Donald Nywening

Response to Comment N-02913:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02914

Comment ID: N-02914
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. People would not be able to take their families anywhere else.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-02914:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02915

Comment ID: N-02915
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. OHV enthusiast are what keep business coming in for the local entrepreneurs.

Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-02915:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02916

Comment ID: N-02916
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-02916:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02917

Comment ID: N-02917
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. This actually helps couples stay married!

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-02917:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02918

Comment ID: N-02918
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-02918:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02919

Comment ID: N-02919
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not close, shrink, or encroach into Johnson Valley. This is one of the last places I can take my family offroad.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Thanks,
Mike Dent

Sincerely,

Michael Dent

Response to Comment N-02919:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02920

Comment ID: N-02920
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

james padgett

Response to Comment N-02920:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02921

Comment ID: N-02921
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. You will be contributing to America's Fall via the slow loss of our moral fiber if familys lose a place to bond in the great outdoors. JV is a place where people get married,Meet friends and bond. American cannot afford to lose this!

Sincerely,

Greg Eckhardt

Response to Comment N-02921:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02922

Comment ID: N-02922
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Jason Boie

Response to Comment N-02922:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02923

Comment ID: N-02923
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

I take my one week of vacation each year to visit Johnson Valley and enjoy doing so with my family. I would hate to lose further chances to spend time there with my family.

Sincerely,

Joshua Verdier

Response to Comment N-02923:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02924

Comment ID: N-02924
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. I've only had the opportunity to visit Johnson Valley once, back before I had a little family of my own. I'd really like for it to be there in a few years when my daughter is old enough to go out visit. Closing the recreation will prevent many families like mine from being able to get together and enjoying the outdoors and our off road vehicles together. Since my vehicle is only a two seater, a venue like Johnson valley is ideal, as we can run multiple trails from a single "camp" and trade out passengers as the day progresses. Please take these things into consideration in your decision making process. Please help keep this public land open to the public.

Sincerely,

Ryan Eklund

Response to Comment N-02924:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02925

Comment ID: N-02925
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. I can understand the need for additional training area, but I must ask that you consider the impact that the expansion will have on the community. Families and others have used the Johnson Valley area for decades. Holidays, birthdays, organized events and races are held there year round. An expansion into this area would negatively impact the surrounding community and economy. Each year, the King of the Hammers race is held there. This single event alone brings in millions of dollars of revenue to the surrounding area. Restaurants, hotels, and vendors will suffer if the area is closed to public use.

Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-02925:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-02926

Comment ID: N-02926
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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-02926:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02927

Comment ID: N-02927
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. My family frequently visits areas such as this, and we have plans to visit Johnson Valley in the near future.

Sincerely,

David Taylor

Response to Comment N-02927:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02928

Comment ID: N-02928
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Ofsthun

Response to Comment N-02928:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02929

Comment ID: N-02929
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please reconsider the expansion for the people who have not experienced the valley and for the future generations.

Sincerely,

Zachary zentz

Response to Comment N-02929:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02930

Comment ID: N-02930
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02930:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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It would be a shame to lose the right to access this part of California. My family has went to Johnson Valley since the mid 1990's, I would like my 4 year old son to have that same right. I understand that the marines need to train and all that I'm asking is to train in another part of the Desert.

Thank You
Rusty Folena

Sincerely,

Rusty Folena

Response to Comment N-02931:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02932

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02932:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jay Barthel

Response to Comment N-02933:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02934:

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Comment ID: N-02935

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-02935:

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Comment ID: N-02936

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Arthur Shadell

Response to Comment N-02936:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02937

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02937:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-02938

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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It is not only about families, but friendships that are created by the events and outings that go on. A lot of the time the friendships last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Scott Sroufe

Response to Comment N-02938:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

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Comment ID: N-02940

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

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Comment ID: N-02941

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I have taken my children to Johnson Valley many times to share my love of the outdoors with them, and it is my hope that this area can be a place that they can share with their children in the future.

Sincerely,

Justin Huttner

Response to Comment N-02941:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02942

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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

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Comment ID: N-02943

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-02943:

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-02944:

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Sincerely,

Jon Simpson

Response to Comment N-02945:

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Comment ID: N-02946

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-02946:

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Comment ID: N-02947

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Growing up in Rapid City South Dakota, off-roading was a family affair. So much so, my career turned to metal fabrication to build off-road machines. For years, my life was about going out and challenging my driving skills and making my rig(s) better. With the Black Hills only being so big, other OHV areas had to come into play and Johnson Valley was on the top of my wheeling "bucket list". Now that I live in Southern California, it is the one place I choose to go and test myself and my projects. It is a place where my family in their old age will come to visit; I can push the limits in driving and building skills; compete with the best of the best; and still feel like I am at home with the terrain.

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Please allow the thousands of us who use Johnson Valley for the many different reasons we use it for, to continue to enjoy one of our favorite OHV spots ever. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jessi Combs

Response to Comment N-02947:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02948

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Sincerely,

Paul Perez

Response to Comment N-02948:

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Comment ID: N-02949

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To the Marine in charge of handling this e-mail initially, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

To the Marine that will ultimately be a part of the decisions of the 29 Palms Marine Base expansion, PLEASE, GO EAST!

The off road grounds to the west are one of the few "open designation" areas still available in the entire US. The areas of the Johnson Valley have been not just an important area to our sport, but also to hundreds of different activities. Regarding the offroad activities specifically, Johnson Valley and "the Hammers" are hallowed ground to OHV users and cannot and will not be replaced. By overtaking those lands with the base expansion, you are basically putting a huge nail in the coffin of our sport, which happens to be an entire industry that supports a large amount of people. Not to mention, you will be hurting the towns nearby in a big way as they will no longer receive our heavy doses of tourism dollars.

Please, GO EAST MARINES!
Regards,

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-02949:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-02950

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andy Angell

Response to Comment N-02950:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-02951:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joel Withers

Response to Comment N-02952:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02953

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Aaron Lasley

Response to Comment N-02953:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Please don't move into the Johnson Valley area. We have very little OHV areas left to recreate. My family and I have been coming here for years and use this as a great family trip and bonding with my family. There are not enough open OHV areas that let us drive off-road and get away from the streets and traffic.

Sincerely,
Domenic Fisher

Sincerely,

Domennic Fisher

Response to Comment N-02954:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-02955:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02956

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Yeatts

Response to Comment N-02956:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-02957

Comment ID: N-02957
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

tom trouerbach

Response to Comment N-02957:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-02958

Comment ID: N-02958
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a full time working male here in the US, I look forward to spending time with my kids in outdoor recreational areas. Instead of heading to the beach or playground my young boys and I try to go offroad to see the terrain and join like-minded people in exploring the public and private (with permission) owned lands in this great country. Please consider this while considering turning a mecca of our pastime into more military training grounds. Or please consider trying to work out some way to keep the land open to the public when not being used for training. I have always dreamed of taking my boys to cali to watch the races in this park, and then take them out in our jeep which we build together of many long nights.

Thank you.

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Mark Humphreys

Response to Comment N-02958:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02959

Comment ID: N-02959
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, this is something I can bring my family out to do, and they love it. I have alot of friends that are also into the sport and we all enjoy it with our families. Its a way to get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected. This would be a great loss to everyone that has ever used the ohv park and a loss to anyone that hasn't and wanted to.

Sincerely,

Jason Boie

Response to Comment N-02959:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02960

Comment ID: N-02960
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please Do not close one of the most LOVED OHV areas that brings thousands of people together every year.
BigRed05
Pirate 4x4
Michael DeVun
Avid offroader

Sincerely,

Michael DeVun

Response to Comment N-02960:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02961

Comment ID: N-02961
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Benjamin Ferrier

Response to Comment N-02961:

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Comment ID: N-02962

Comment ID: N-02962
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thank you for your time,

Andrew Barron

Sincerely,

Andrew Barron

Response to Comment N-02962:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02963

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Sincerely,

James Myers

Response to Comment N-02963:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02964

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-02964:

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Comment ID: N-02965

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern,
I am writing in reference to your possible relocation of the 29 palms marine base. This area of land is home to OHV, mountain bikers, hikers and various other uses. The most notable is the "king of the hammers" off road race, the only race since the Baja 1000 to gain national recognition. This has helped boost the local economy and has become a staple in the off road community.Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected. I believe there could be a realistic resolution to keep this property public to the community and those that travel cross country to experience it while still allowing the 29 palms marine base to expand. Please take this into consideration and thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Kaelen Barden

Sincerely,

kaelen barden

Response to Comment N-02965:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02966:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-02967:

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Comment ID: N-02968

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-02968:

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Comment ID: N-02969

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-02969:

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Comment ID: N-02970

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bo Harris

Response to Comment N-02970:

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02971

Comment ID: N-02971
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02971:

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-02972

Comment ID: N-02972
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Sroufe

Response to Comment N-02972:

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Comment ID: N-02973

Comment ID: N-02973
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Will Gentile
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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-02973:

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Comment ID: N-02974

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-02974:

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Comment ID: N-02975

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Richard McCoy

Response to Comment N-02975:

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02976

Comment ID: N-02976
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Dave Marciniak

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Comment ID: N-02977

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

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Comment ID: N-02978

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Sincerely,

William R. Woodland

Response to Comment N-02978:

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Comment ID: N-02979

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-02979:

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Comment ID: N-02980

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

brandon farley

Response to Comment N-02980:

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Comment ID: N-02981

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Michael Gilmet

Sincerely,

Michael Gilmet

Response to Comment N-02981:

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Comment ID: N-02982

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please don't take this unique and rare experience away from us!!

Sincerely,

Andrew McRory

Response to Comment N-02982:

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Comment ID: N-02983

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Mark Bandy

Response to Comment N-02983:

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Comment ID: N-02984

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-02984:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02985

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thank you for your time- Jake Wreesman

Sincerely,

jake wreesman

Response to Comment N-02985:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-02986

Comment ID: N-02986
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-02986:

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Comment ID: N-02987

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Sincerely,

Alex Valle

Response to Comment N-02987:

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Comment ID: N-02988

Comment ID: N-02988
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Greg Eckhardt

Response to Comment N-02988:

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Comment ID: N-02989

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All of these activities will not be affected if the Marines expand to the East. Keep public lands open to the public.

Sincerely,

Erick Larsen

Response to Comment N-02989:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-02990

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-02990:

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Comment ID: N-02991

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-02991:

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Comment ID: N-02992

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Matthew Whitley

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-02994:

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Comment ID: N-02995

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OHV use and the activities that go with such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Whats next expanding all the way to Az.NV.CO. I mean Im all for a secure country but seriously how much room do our bases need.Here in Co.we have more land dedicated to the forces than to recreation.This contributes to illegal offroading,and big problems with the imprint on wilderness factor.Wher our we suposed to utilize our freedoms that our familys and friends fight and die for! Its our land too,not just just for the military.

Sincerely,

Jesse Wienke

Response to Comment N-02995:

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Comment ID: N-02996

Comment ID: N-02996
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. The biggest draw for me to spend time in CA is to enjoy the open space in Johnson valley. The expansion of the military base will close the prime areas that make Johnson valley special.

Sincerely,

jess kellogg

Response to Comment N-02996:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-02997

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-02997:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-02998

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Sroufe

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Comment ID: N-02999

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

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Comment ID: N-03000

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Phil Rock

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Comment ID: N-03001

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03001:

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Comment ID: N-03002

Comment ID: N-03002
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Chris Glass

Response to Comment N-03002:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03003

Comment ID: N-03003
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03003:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03004

Comment ID: N-03004
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life across the nation where these activities are a big part of the culture.

For me quality of life is meant buy freedom. I suffer from savior anxiety that came on after a horrible anxiety attack over 6 years ago. Getting out rock crawling is a total release from this. I become totally relaxed and do not have the bad thoughts and racing thoughts in my mind. I grew up (I'm 39 years old) in northern Ca. town of about 250 people and have wheeled at the hammers/Johnson Valley. I hope and plan to again in the future. I grew up hunting, fishing, camping and 4wheeling. Modifying trucks to get me where I need to go for hunting. Hunting became less enjoyable and too much stress for me. I started extreme rock crawling over many years ago but 4wheeled my whole life. I find mental ease the more I wheel. On the trail I find myself enjoying life again, relaxed, and it puts my mind at ease. Every time we turn around something is being taken away. Americans have fewer and fewer ways to escape. People are getting pushed to our breaking points more now then ever. More than once a week I ask myself how much more can I take. I have an incredible wife that helps me take one moment at a time, and stands with me. Our public lands have always been a huge part of my life. Now what seems to be the only thing keeping my mind from killing me is being taken away one trail at a time. In your decision please consider people like me and other like me. Where the only thing keeping me from complete mental disaster is the US public lands. This is no joke I have a list of over 5 years and 7 different government approved anxiety, depression pills I have used. (crazy pills I call them) to account for. I am drug free right now. But, battle everyday with anxiety. I have once again found peace in the outdoors in the form of 4wheeling/rock crawling. Please listen to us all and allow us to keep our land and sanity.

Thank you, Phillip King

Sincerely,

Phillip King

Response to Comment N-03004:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03005

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03005:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03006

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03006:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03007

Comment ID: N-03007
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Brian Lumbert

Response to Comment N-03007:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03008

Comment ID: N-03008
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Marcy Border

Response to Comment N-03008:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03009

Comment ID: N-03009
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

David Telenko

Response to Comment N-03009:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03010

Comment ID: N-03010
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03010:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03011

Comment ID: N-03011
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03011:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03012

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Andy Angell

Response to Comment N-03012:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Comment ID: N-03013
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03013:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

james padgett

Response to Comment N-03014:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03015

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Jason Boie

Response to Comment N-03015:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03016

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Kim Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03016:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03017

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03017:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03018

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-03018:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03019

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03019:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03020

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.
I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03020:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03021

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Art Page

Response to Comment N-03021:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03022

Comment ID: N-03022
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03022:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03023

Comment ID: N-03023
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03023:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03024

Comment ID: N-03024
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. Alternative A is the only viable solution to resolving this issue with the 29 palms base. Expanding into Johnson Valley would take a great recreational treasure away from the american citizens.

Sincerely,

spencer evans

Response to Comment N-03024:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03025

Comment ID: N-03025
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03025:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03026

Comment ID: N-03026
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03026:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03027

Comment ID: N-03027
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom this may concern, I have reviewed the land acquisition study, and given the alternatives presented, I strongly support only alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Kirby Gehrum

Response to Comment N-03027:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03028

Comment ID: N-03028
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03028:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03029

Comment ID: N-03029
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Todd

Response to Comment N-03029:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03030

Comment ID: N-03030
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Brad Blankenship

Response to Comment N-03030:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03031

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03031:

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Comment ID: N-03032

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03032:

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Sincerely,

Michael Baker

Response to Comment N-03033:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-03034

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Sincerely,

Michael Yeatts

Response to Comment N-03034:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

greg eckhardt

Response to Comment N-03035:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alex Valle

Response to Comment N-03036:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is an area of the country that is on my list of places to visit. If this expansion takes place it will be lost forever to myself and others who have not had a chance to travel there and take in it's beauty. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael Isley

Response to Comment N-03037:

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Comment ID: N-03038

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Josh Burkett
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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-03038:

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Comment ID: N-03039

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03039:

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Sincerely,

Kim Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03040:

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Comment ID: N-03041

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Whitley
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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03041:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rick MacDuffie

Response to Comment N-03042:

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Comment ID: N-03043

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Rusty Folena
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Thank You

Rusty Folena

Sincerely,

Rusty Folena

Response to Comment N-03043:

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03044:

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Comment ID: N-03045

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03045:

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Comment ID: N-03046

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03046:

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Comment ID: N-03047

Comment ID: N-03047
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. logan jaybush
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logan jaybush

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Comment ID: N-03048

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Hemsoth

Response to Comment N-03048:

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Comment ID: N-03049

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dave Marciniak
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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03049:

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Comment ID: N-03050

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Woodmass
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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03050:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

William R. Woodland

Response to Comment N-03051:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03052:

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Sincerely,

brandon farley

Response to Comment N-03053:

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Sincerely,

Kory Dumas

Response to Comment N-03054:

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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-03055:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-03056:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03057

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Sincerely,

Norman Harris

Response to Comment N-03057:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kyle Holland

Response to Comment N-03058:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03059:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03060

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Baker

Response to Comment N-03060:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-03061

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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My family and Friends go down there at least once a year and it is about 20 hours of travel time. We enjoy everything the Johnson Valley has to offer. Most importantly the time we spend with our families and friends. Not including the new people we meet there every year enjoy the same activities as we do.

Please keep this area open to the public so that my kids can pass this get past time down to there kids.

Sincerely,

Lance Hamilton

Response to Comment N-03061:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03062

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Lasini

Response to Comment N-03062:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03063

Comment ID: N-03063
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Yeatts

Response to Comment N-03063:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03064

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I am from Canada. My parents winter in La Quinta every year throughout the months of January, February and March. This past February I took a one week holiday to visit with them. One of my goals was to meet up with some local offroaders who I had met on the website Pirate4x4 and take a trip with them to the "Hammers" trail at Johnson Valley. As a 4x4 enthusiast for 20 years, you could say it was a dream of mine to go there. Unfortunately the weather brought rain and snow to the area in the days leading up to our trip and we had to cancel. So my dream is yet unfulfilled. As I get older and begin to look towards retirement I envision myself spending winters in the Palm Springs area much like my parents. However it will not be golf that brings me there but my Jeep and the the desire to explore trails such as those in Johnson Valley. Please don't close this area to OHV use.

Sincerely,

Ray Lafreniere

Response to Comment N-03064:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Justin Silvers

Response to Comment N-03065:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Knolla

Response to Comment N-03066:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-03067

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Thomas Niebauer

Response to Comment N-03067:

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Comment ID: N-03068

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

James Myers

Response to Comment N-03068:

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Comment ID: N-03069

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03069:

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Comment ID: N-03070

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Being from Hawaii, and never being to any of the major OHV events, I dream to one day attend a King of the Hammers event. Please help keep Johnson Valley OHV areas open.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Tanaka

Response to Comment N-03070:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03071

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kim Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03071:

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Comment ID: N-03072

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Unfortuantely many public land areas are being closed down due to irresponsible behavior. Johnson Valley is one of the biggest and most well known lands in the world. Having many friends that were/are United States Marines, they are also disagreeing with the fact of closing Johnson Valley OHV area to expand 29 Palms. This is not a slam against the USMC, but as my good friend told me about the current size of 29 Palms, why do you feel the need to expand? It's already the biggest military base in the world.

Johnson Valley brings in people from all over the world. It brings in revenue, talent, wicked rigs, and just enthusiasts that share the same love of our sport. Please don't close this area. This would be a nail in the coffin to us! We put thousands and thousands, if not millions of dollars back into the economy every year with buying parts, building rigs, traveling, and just turning this "hobby" into a profession! Please rethink what you're doing, this is NOT the way to go! Thank you for your time and hearing all of us out!

Sincerely,

Marc Woodruff

Response to Comment N-03072:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-03073

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Keith Ulinger

Response to Comment N-03073:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03074

Comment ID: N-03074
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03074:

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Comment ID: N-03075

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Zerblis

Response to Comment N-03075:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03076

Comment ID: N-03076
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03076:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03077

Comment ID: N-03077
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I personally have been there only once, for 2011 King of the Hammers. I brought down my buggy and an ATV and paid for both passes for the year, regardless of the fact I was there for only a week.

After this years trip I plan to make the race an annual thing for sure. I also now have many more friends from Canada that what to come down and spend some time exploring the area.

I hope that with the large response of letters etc that you would rethink about expanding in that direction.

sean

Sincerely,

Sean Rodgers

Response to Comment N-03077:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03078

Comment ID: N-03078
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. Please keep the JV Red area open to off-road activity!

Sincerely,

Art Page

Response to Comment N-03078:

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Comment ID: N-03079

Comment ID: N-03079
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03079:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-03080

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03080:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03081

Comment ID: N-03081
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03081:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03082

Comment ID: N-03082
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Sroufe

Response to Comment N-03082:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03083

Comment ID: N-03083
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I would like to take my family there to enjoy the outdoors and nature. Please dont take it away.

Sincerely,

Nima Negahdauree

Response to Comment N-03083:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03084

Comment ID: N-03084
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Richard McCoy

Response to Comment N-03084:

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Comment ID: N-03085

Comment ID: N-03085
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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for us off road enthusiasts this is a way of life. we treat these places as a sacrad ground to share our hard work and skills in the trill of exploring our boundries. people from all over this country share this park as a proofing ground of getting ourself through tough obsicles with hand biult machines. its a place where any person, weather you have sponsors and a 100,000+ dollar rig or a 1000 budget truck, can go to have fun with friends and family. for some of us it is offensive to think we could lose our given right to use public land. if we keep losing these ohv parks, think of all the revinue this country will lose. there are so many small fabrication shops biulding customizing parts for the vehicles that we use in parks just like johnson valley. small businesses that would have never had a chance if people had nowhere to use there product ideas. they pay there taxes as do i and i would be very disgusted to se a place like that demalished with more biuldings and and stuctures.
i support our military and our troops and think of them every day and how there countless efforts effect my life every day. they fight, sweat bleed and die for our freedoms. to speek freely. to live freely. for use to enjoy our lives to how we feel is good and true. and to conflict these to subjects is a horrible place to put any american citizen. but the truth is there is plenty of desert to be extending bases. and there has to be some way to do this without personally effecting such a great amount of people and there free interest

Sincerely,

tom pardini

Response to Comment N-03085:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-03086

Comment ID: N-03086
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03086:

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Comment ID: N-03087

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03087:

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Comment ID: N-03088

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-03088:

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Comment ID: N-03089

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Comment ID: N-03090

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03090:

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Comment ID: N-03091

Comment ID: N-03091
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I travel at least twice a year to Johnson Valley for OHV use. This land is important to the recreational off road community from across the country and probably the world at this point with the KOH race. Closing this area will effect more than southern California.

In Ohio, we do not have designated OHV areas. Please do not do this with southern California.

Thank you,

Thomas Yash

Sincerely,

Thomas Yash

Response to Comment N-03091:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03092

Comment ID: N-03092
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Mark Trentham

Response to Comment N-03092:

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Comment ID: N-03093

Comment ID: N-03093
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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We travel from Louisiana to go wheeling in Johnson Valley. It's a two day pull, but it's worth the trip.

Sincerely,

Billy Wallis

Response to Comment N-03093:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03094

Comment ID: N-03094
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jim Smetona

Response to Comment N-03094:

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Comment ID: N-03095

Comment ID: N-03095
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Zach Sirkin
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To Whom It May Concern:

My brother and I flew from coast to coast just to witness the beauty this spot of land has to offer our off road community. I would devastated to see it be destroyed or maimed by the likes of military training. Where I live I'm surrounded by military and have the utmost respect for the 4 bases that literally surround me, but the IDEA of one of them just taking land that the government has so nicely provided our community would just be an outrage. Please chose another spot.

Thank You,
Zach Sirkin

PS
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Sincerely,

Zach Sirkin

Response to Comment N-03095:

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Comment ID: N-03096

Comment ID: N-03096
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerly,
Jon Simpson
GySgt,USMC (Ret)

Sincerely,

Jon Simpson

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Comment ID: N-03097

Comment ID: N-03097
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Steven Dussart

Response to Comment N-03097:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03098

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03098:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03099

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03099:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

All other possible options should and will hopefully be considered and pursued.

Sincerely,

Joshua Verdier

Response to Comment N-03100:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-03101:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03102:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03103:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03104:

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03106:

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Sincerely,

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I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03110:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Comment ID: N-03111

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03112:

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Comment ID: N-03113

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03113:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-03115:

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The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03117:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-03118

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-03118:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03119:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. it has been proven time and time again that conventional warfare is a thing of the past. guerrilla warfare has become the norm since vietnam. practicing large battles encompasing massive troop movements are over. we are no longer fighting other large countries, it is small groups that are emboldened when they can strike at the mighty U.S. Military and get away with it. as such, there is no reason that the marines need this public relations nightmare dream of expanding an already huge military base. destroying a family recreation area just to get an EVEN LARGER PART OF THE DESERT is ludicrus. start showing more results than finally getting 1 guy after TEN YEARS OF LOOKING, then we the public might see a need to expand a training area. i support our military, but public opinion is waning on a military that WASTES BILLIONS OF DOLLARS with little to no results. you have a place to practice, its called Afganistan. show us some results there and maybe you'll get your wishes.

Sincerely,

justin bunch

Response to Comment N-03120:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03121:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03122:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-03123

Comment ID: N-03123
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03123:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-03124

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. There must be a better solution to resolving this issue than taking public land away from the citizens of this great country. I demand we find a better solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

spencer evans

Response to Comment N-03124:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Hemsoth

Response to Comment N-03125:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-03126

Comment ID: N-03126
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

greg eckhardt

Response to Comment N-03126:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-03127

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03127:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03128:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-03129:

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Comment ID: N-03130

Comment ID: N-03130
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. As a person that attends offroad events in Johnson Valley I have found myself on the edge of the base boundry many many times. I come to the area and are aware of the where the boundries are located. What would happen if the marine base would move into other areas that have long since been open to the public. Is the government going to take into consideration marking the boundries again to keep the general public safe?

Sincerely,

Doug Bigelow

Response to Comment N-03130:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03131

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03131:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03132

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. You will almost certainly murder innocent civilians if you expand into an area that many are used to driving out on especially since you dont mark your borders.

Sincerely,

Greg Eckhardt

Response to Comment N-03132:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03133

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The risk to the general public will increase if the USMC is allowed to move into the Johnson valley area. People already wander into the existing 29 Palms area accidentally. This would only increase the number of incidences of the public encountering un-exploded ordinance, or encountering military vehicles moving at high rates of speed.

Sincerely,

Kirk Humphrey

Response to Comment N-03133:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Old habits never change, and civilians may be injured if they are unaware of the changes. Notifying the masses is very difficult to do.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-03134:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03135

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

As a member of a specialized search and rescue group geared toward motorized recreation, the more land taken from the public will result in continued overcrowding of existing off-road areas. This resulting in more serious injuries.

Sincerely,

Kim Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03135:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the reduction in availability of OHV land would cause significant impacts to recreation under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact. The analyses presented in the Draft EIS acknowledge and discuss the impacts that reduced recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage and potential overcrowding in other areas, as well as related impacts to other environmental resources.

Comment ID: N-03136

Comment ID: N-03136
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03136:

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03137:

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Comment ID: N-03138

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rick MacDuffie

Response to Comment N-03138:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-03139:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03140

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03140:

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Comment ID: N-03141

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We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03141:

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Comment ID: N-03142

Comment ID: N-03142
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03142:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03143

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. logan jaybush
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03143:

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Comment ID: N-03144

Comment ID: N-03144
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03144:

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Comment ID: N-03145

Comment ID: N-03145
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03145:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03146

Comment ID: N-03146
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ken Smith
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03146:

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Comment ID: N-03147

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Richard Wilson
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

with Johnson Valley currently open to the general public for various activities, the Marines currently find people accidentally wandering into 29 Palms.
Under the proposal to expand the base into Johnson Valley, this situation will most likely escalate as people will be traveling in areas open to public access at this time. With the possibility of live ordinance in the area, the safety of the American public will be compromised.
It is my hope that the Marine Corp will seriously consider the other viable alternatives to expansion into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Richard Wilson

Response to Comment N-03147:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-03148

Comment ID: N-03148
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. chris akin
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03148:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03149

Comment ID: N-03149
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Josh Burkett
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-03149:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03150

Comment ID: N-03150
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Gonos
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Granby, CO 80446-1463

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03150:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03151

Comment ID: N-03151
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Derek Lasini
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to bring up the idea of tracked vs. non-tracked vehicles. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Derek Lasini

Response to Comment N-03151:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03152

Comment ID: N-03152
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Chelsie Schoolcraft
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Shoshone, ID 83352

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. This effects everyone!

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-03152:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03153

Comment ID: N-03153
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jeff Virgin
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Fife, WA 98424

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03153:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03154

Comment ID: N-03154
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Samuel Sievert
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Albuquerque , NM 87113-1226

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Tread Lightly is one of the largest things to remember as an off road enthusiast.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-03154:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03155

Comment ID: N-03155
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Jennifer Benz
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Military vehicles are also generally much heavier than OHV vehicles. Heavier vehicles compact the dirt which makes it near impossible for many plants to grow. It is important for plants to be present because plants help prevent top soil erosion. Less top soil means less plants that grow, which will cause this to turn into a positive feedback loop and eventually lead to the loss of most, if not all, vegetation in the area.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Benz

Response to Comment N-03155:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03156

Comment ID: N-03156
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Stover
Stover Tile and Design
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Morro Bay, CA 93443

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

As a former Marine and 1833 (YAT YAS!!!), I truly know just how much damage a tracked vehicle like an AAV or tank can do to the ground. Please leave this area to just the general public and look east for your new training ground.

Thank you,
Cpl Chris Stover
Semper Fi and YAT YAS

Sincerely,

Chris Stover

Response to Comment N-03156:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-03157

Comment ID: N-03157
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-03157:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03158

Comment ID: N-03158
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bryson Tsujimoto
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West Jordan, UT 84084

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03158:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03159

Comment ID: N-03159
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Whitley
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03159:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03160

Comment ID: N-03160
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Wayne Mortensen
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-03160:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03161

Comment ID: N-03161
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Kennedy
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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-03161:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03162

Comment ID: N-03162
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Derek Jackson
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03162:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03163

Comment ID: N-03163
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Randy Charpentier
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Falls city, OR 97344

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03163:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-03164

Comment ID: N-03164
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Will Gentile
HeavyMetalConcepts
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03164:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03165

Comment ID: N-03165
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03165:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03166

Comment ID: N-03166
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Gentile
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Sincerely,

William Gentile

Response to Comment N-03166:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03167

Comment ID: N-03167
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Greg Eckhardt
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San Jose, CA 95124

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. You will be destroying the enviroment as well as stealing from us

Sincerely,

Greg Eckhardt

Response to Comment N-03167:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03168

Comment ID: N-03168
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dave Marciniak
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03168:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03169

Comment ID: N-03169
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Woodmass
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03169:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03170

Comment ID: N-03170
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ken Smith
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03170:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03171

Comment ID: N-03171
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. chris akin
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03171:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03172

Comment ID: N-03172
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dennis Powell
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Apple Valley, CA 92308

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Dennis Powell

Response to Comment N-03172:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03173

Comment ID: N-03173
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03173:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03174

Comment ID: N-03174
Date Received: May 26, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Not only will complaint numbers go way up but also people claiming hearing problems.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-03174:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03175

Comment ID: N-03175
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03175:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03176

Comment ID: N-03176
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. The impact upon these residents cannot be trivialized. They deserve to have their quality of life protected.

Sincerely,

Donald Nywening

Response to Comment N-03176:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03177

Comment ID: N-03177
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. I can hear them clearly from my house now. If thay move any closer the sound will be unbearable. I have small children that take naps during the day and they wont be able to sleep.

Sincerely,

Clint Griffith

Response to Comment N-03177:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03178:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03179

Comment ID: N-03179
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03179:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03180

Comment ID: N-03180
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Wictfi is even a better reason to move east to get farther away from people. The desert can be a nice quite place to relax it is clear that there is no noise pollution from OHV use, but with the Marines there would be noise pollution.

Thanks

Rusty Folena

Sincerely,

Rusty Folena

Response to Comment N-03180:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03181

Comment ID: N-03181
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03181:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03182

Comment ID: N-03182
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03182:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03183

Comment ID: N-03183
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dave Marciniak
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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03183:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03184

Comment ID: N-03184
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.
I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03184:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03185

Comment ID: N-03185
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03185:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03186

Comment ID: N-03186
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Robert Honaker

Response to Comment N-03186:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03187

Comment ID: N-03187
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03187:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03188

Comment ID: N-03188
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Brad Blankenship

Response to Comment N-03188:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03189

Comment ID: N-03189
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03189:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03190

Comment ID: N-03190
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03190:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03191

Comment ID: N-03191
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Michael Yeatts

Response to Comment N-03191:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03192

Comment ID: N-03192
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Phillip Vieira

Response to Comment N-03192:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03193

Comment ID: N-03193
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. And I like to be responsible and like when there is a responsible place to bring my family out and make a day out of it. I would hate to see illegal ohv use because it also hurts our sport in trying to keep places like this open. Closing Johnson Valley would be a mistake.

Sincerely,

Jason Boie

Response to Comment N-03193:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03194

Comment ID: N-03194
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03194:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03195

Comment ID: N-03195
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03195:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03196

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03196:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03197

Comment ID: N-03197
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. I recently moved to the Riverside area and have first hand heard concerns from neighbors and local businesses that the reduction of land in Johnson Valley for OHV use would impact them in a negative way.

Sincerely,

jess kellogg

Response to Comment N-03197:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03198

Comment ID: N-03198
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03198:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03199

Comment ID: N-03199
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03199:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03200

Comment ID: N-03200
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Phil Rock
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This also may lead people to believe that Johnson Valley is still open and may cause people to wheel during a live fire exercise by the Corps! Keep it open to the public!

Sincerely,

Phil Rock

Response to Comment N-03200:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03201

Comment ID: N-03201
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03201:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03202

Comment ID: N-03202
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.
I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03202:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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Comment ID: N-03203

Comment ID: N-03203
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03203:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03204

Comment ID: N-03204
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

William R. Woodland

Response to Comment N-03204:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03205

Comment ID: N-03205
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03205:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03206

Comment ID: N-03206
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Robert Honaker

Response to Comment N-03206:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03207

Comment ID: N-03207
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. This would counter productive to our message of treading lightly.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03207:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS. The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03208

Comment ID: N-03208
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.
With spending out of control, this will add additional burdens on our children as they watch our national debt. go out the roof.
Please consider using existing military lands for a once a year training mission.
Thank You

Sincerely,

Michael Baker

Response to Comment N-03208:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03209

Comment ID: N-03209
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Dennis Powell

Response to Comment N-03209:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03210

Comment ID: N-03210
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03210:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03211

Comment ID: N-03211
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03211:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03212

Comment ID: N-03212
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Randy Charpentier
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability
I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03212:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

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Comment ID: N-03213

Comment ID: N-03213
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03213:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03214

Comment ID: N-03214
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Richard McCoy

Response to Comment N-03214:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03215

Comment ID: N-03215
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03215:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03216

Comment ID: N-03216
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03216:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03217

Comment ID: N-03217
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03217:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03218

Comment ID: N-03218
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-03218:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03219

Comment ID: N-03219
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-03219:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03220

Comment ID: N-03220
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Whitley
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03220:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03221

Comment ID: N-03221
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03221:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03222

Comment ID: N-03222
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

travis Perez

Response to Comment N-03222:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03223

Comment ID: N-03223
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ron Morris
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability

Sincerely,

Ron Morris

Response to Comment N-03223:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03224

Comment ID: N-03224
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Tim Richards
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Also do not take the land away. public land should remain public.

Sincerely,

Tim Richards

Response to Comment N-03224:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-03225

Comment ID: N-03225
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joel Withers
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joel Withers

Response to Comment N-03225:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03226

Comment ID: N-03226
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Gonos
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Please do not close one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03226:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03227

Comment ID: N-03227
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03227:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03228

Comment ID: N-03228
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. The public should be given enough time to read and understand everything that is proposed.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-03228:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03229

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Greg Eckhardt

Response to Comment N-03229:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03230:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03231:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03232:

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Comment ID: N-03233

Comment ID: N-03233
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03233:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-03234

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03234:

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Comment ID: N-03235

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03235:

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Comment ID: N-03236

Comment ID: N-03236
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Richard McCoy

Response to Comment N-03236:

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Comment ID: N-03237

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03237:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03238

Comment ID: N-03238
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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03238:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03239

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

brandon farley

Response to Comment N-03239:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03240

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Robert Honaker

Response to Comment N-03240:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03241

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. So we may have a fair assessment.

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03241:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03242

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-03242:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03243

Comment ID: N-03243
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to bring up the point of the land quality decrease that will occur if the Military expands West. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. PLEASE expand eastward.

Sincerely,

Derek Lasini

Response to Comment N-03243:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

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Comment ID: N-03244

Comment ID: N-03244
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Chelsie Schoolcraft
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. This is just a shame!

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-03244:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03245

Comment ID: N-03245
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03245:

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Comment ID: N-03246

Comment ID: N-03246
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03246:

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Comment ID: N-03247

Comment ID: N-03247
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03247:

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Comment ID: N-03248

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Sroufe

Response to Comment N-03248:

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03249:

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Comment ID: N-03250

Comment ID: N-03250
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03250:

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Comment ID: N-03251

Comment ID: N-03251
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Randy Charpentier
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Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03251:

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Comment ID: N-03252

Comment ID: N-03252
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03252:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03253

Comment ID: N-03253
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-03253:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03254

Comment ID: N-03254
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03254:

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Comment ID: N-03255

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03255:

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Comment ID: N-03256

Comment ID: N-03256
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03256:

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Comment ID: N-03257

Comment ID: N-03257
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03257:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03258

Comment ID: N-03258
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Corinne Haynes

Response to Comment N-03258:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Response to Comment N-03259:

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03260:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-03261:

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Comment ID: N-03262

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03262:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03263

Comment ID: N-03263
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03263:

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Comment ID: N-03264

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03264:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03265

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Sincerely,

Matthew Hemsoth

Response to Comment N-03265:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03266

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Glass

Response to Comment N-03266:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03267

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03267:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03268

Comment ID: N-03268
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03268:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03269

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03269:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03270

Comment ID: N-03270
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kyle McKendree

Response to Comment N-03270:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03271

Comment ID: N-03271
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-03271:

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Comment ID: N-03272

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The OHV community cares very dearly about about our sport and the terrain we drive on. We try and make sure our vehicles are in top working condition and always like to plan for the worst, including fluid spills. We have the knowledge and tools deal with such incidents. Many of us also participate in reguiar area clean-ups to ensure our land we use looks as good as it does today for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Colin Ciecior

Response to Comment N-03272:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03273

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03273:

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Comment ID: N-03274

Comment ID: N-03274
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03274:

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Comment ID: N-03275

Comment ID: N-03275
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03275:

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Comment ID: N-03276

Comment ID: N-03276
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03276:

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Comment ID: N-03277

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-03277:

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Comment ID: N-03278

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

greg eckhardt

Response to Comment N-03278:

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Comment ID: N-03279

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like myself, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Phillip Vieira

Response to Comment N-03279:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03280

Comment ID: N-03280
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Alex Valle

Response to Comment N-03280:

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Comment ID: N-03281

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Benz

Response to Comment N-03281:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03282

Comment ID: N-03282
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03282:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03283

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03283:

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Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03284:

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Comment ID: N-03285

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03285:

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Comment ID: N-03286

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03286:

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Comment ID: N-03287

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03287:

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Comment ID: N-03288

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Comment ID: N-03289

Comment ID: N-03289
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
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Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03289:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-03290

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03290:

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Comment ID: N-03291

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Response to Comment N-03291:

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Comment ID: N-03292

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Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-03292:

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Comment ID: N-03293

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03293:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Comment ID: N-03295

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Comment ID: N-03297

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Response to Comment N-03297:

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Comment ID: N-03300

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Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03300:

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Sincerely,

Kyle McKendree

Response to Comment N-03301:

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Comment ID: N-03302

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03302:

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Comment ID: N-03303

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Response to Comment N-03303:

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Comment ID: N-03304

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Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03304:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03305

Comment ID: N-03305
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Norman Harris

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Comment ID: N-03306

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Response to Comment N-03306:

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Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03310:

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Matthew Whitley

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Rick MacDuffie

Response to Comment N-03313:

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Response to Comment N-03314:

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chris akin

Response to Comment N-03315:

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Sincerely,

Alyssa Todd

Response to Comment N-03316:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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William Bilderback

Sincerely,

william bilderback

Response to Comment N-03317:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? With all the military bases through out California, Nevada, Arizona there are plenty of locations for this type of training. Please consider another location or expand east into the desert that isn't alocated to OHV use.
Thank You

Sincerely,

Michael Baker

Response to Comment N-03318:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Robert Honaker

Response to Comment N-03330:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

chris akin

Response to Comment N-03331:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? It seems to me that the USMC has done well in the decade that we have been involved in Iraq and Afghanistan with the current training areas.

Sincerely,

Donald Nywening

Response to Comment N-03332:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really currently necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? I can understand the need for additional training area, but I must ask that you consider the impact that the expansion will have on the community. Families and others have used the Johnson Valley area for decades. Holidays, birthdays, organized events and races are held there year round. An expansion into this area would negatively impact the surrounding community and economy. Each year, the King of the Hammers race is held there. This single event alone brings in millions of dollars of revenue to the surrounding area. Restaurants, hotels, and vendors will suffer if the area is closed to public use.

Sincerely,

Frederick Bunkley

Response to Comment N-03333:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03334

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Without this testing we recieve inferior products.

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-03334:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Jeff Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03335:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03336

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03336:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03337

Comment ID: N-03337
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

james padgett

Response to Comment N-03337:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03338

Comment ID: N-03338
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Marc Florian

Response to Comment N-03338:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03339

Comment ID: N-03339
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03339:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03340

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03340:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03341

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-03341:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03342

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Scott Sroufe

Response to Comment N-03342:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03343

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03343:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03344

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03344:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03345

Comment ID: N-03345
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03345:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03346

Comment ID: N-03346
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03346:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03347

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Ken Smith

Response to Comment N-03347:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03348

Comment ID: N-03348
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03348:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03349

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Also the local business comunity will suffer when the off roaders wont use Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

David Telenko

Response to Comment N-03349:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03350

Comment ID: N-03350
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Additionally, the OHV industry has seen a number of manufacturers shut their doors in these tough economic times. It pains me to think that the USMC would contribute to the possible failure of any more of these companies. The livelihoods of a number of American families depend on keeping this area open for public use.

Sincerely,

Donald Nywening

Response to Comment N-03350:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03351

Comment ID: N-03351
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. What we do is finally being recognized for being more than a hobby, instead it's being viewed as a sport. That has been mostly because of events like King Of the Hammers, which now with the internet has become viewable to everyone in the US. The dramatic impact would be worse than whats happened to us on the east coast with the closing of Tellico OHV. Please take these things into consideration. This is the "land of the free"...please don't take our land and allow it stay that way.

Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-03351:

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03352

Comment ID: N-03352
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe it is a reckless use of funds to allow the USMC to move into the Johnson valley area. This move WILL negatively impact the public sector jobs in the area. In this economic climate, we cannot afford to do that.
Additionally, the Corps has not analyzed this against the Defense Budget and National Deficit.

More-over I believe it would be a bad political move for any public servant who supports it.

Sincerely,

Kirk Humphrey

Response to Comment N-03352:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03353

Comment ID: N-03353
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Johnson Valley 4x4 trails are unique and not equaled by any set of trails anywhere in the world. The loss of these trails would be like the extinction of a rare animal. This would be a huge loss to countless familiies from around the world and future generations. This area should belong to the people and should be protected and charished like a national treasure. Please dont destroy these trails and the experience of camping on the dry lake!

Sincerely,

Verne Simons

Response to Comment N-03353:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03354

Comment ID: N-03354
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the last 15 years my family and I have been traveling to Johnson Valley for camping, four-wheeling, and many other adventures. I can say we have folders of pictures and great memories of our time spent here. I believe some of our best family memories are spent in one of the most beautiful unique areas in the United States. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". I have personally meet individuals from 4 different states traveling to this mecca to experience the same thing my family has experienced. This area has become unique and iconic as Moab and the Rubicon. I believe each part of the United States needs an area to attract wheelers and develop the culture of four-wheeling. For this area to be taken away will destroy Southern California's most sought after and traveled four-wheeling spot. Please go east instead of West. Thank you

Sincerely,

Brett Hayes

Response to Comment N-03354:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03355

Comment ID: N-03355
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it.

I am a SSgt in the United States Marine Corps and have just recently gotten into the sport of Offroading and spend most of my time doing it at Johnson Valley OHV. All of the people I go with are also Marines that I'm stationed with here at 29 Palms.

Spending time at Johnson Valley not only affords me the opportunity to get off base and explore the great areas of desert that surround the base, but gives me a chance to spend some recreational time with family and friends. I think Johnson Valley OHV is a great place and gives many other Marines a chance to enjoy this desert that many dislike.

A lot of people will tell you that they don't like being stationed at 29 Palms. There is nothing but desert, and and it's hot all the time. The economy in the area is below average and there's nothing fun to do here.
I disagree. I think being stationed in 29 Palms affords you the opportunity to enjoy what you make of it. The Marine Corps teaches us to adapt and overcome. My friends and I have done just that. We have found a way to enjoy the environment that we live in and to help make it better by policing those that don't police themselves.

If the Base expands to take over Johnson Valley OHV I feel that many Marines that enjoy the area and the opportunities that it affords will find somewhere else to offroad and drive their off highway vehicles. Without a designate place to do this like Johnson Valley it could become an even more dangerous sport that has little to no regulation.

When we go to Johnson Valley OHV we know that we're going to a place where people enjoy their vehicles offroad. We expect to see others doing the same thing we're doing and we plan for it. If you go to a random place in the desert that isn't regulated people will be all over doing crazy stuff that they probably shouldn't be doing. Many people that enjoy these other areas won't be expecting OHVs and it could create some extremely dangerous situations.

Many people spend a great deal of money to enjoy this OHV lifestyle. They will not stop "offroading". Make it save for everyone and leave Johnson Valley OHV the way it is. It will be better for the community, the environment, the economy, and the welfare of those who enjoy the area.

Sincerely,

Response to Comment N-03355:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03356

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, the economic impact must be considered. Not only has this area specifically become the crowned jewel and most significant race of the off-road community, but it has invigorated an area to provide services that were not previously offered. It has provided livelihood to many families. It has also invigorate the national off-road community to host similar type events and provided necessity to a specialty automotive industry. By doing so, not only are more companies becoming a part of this... but true capitalism for advanced performance and lower cost products are being put on to the market. This is then translated into general consumers interest for the same products across the nation. Losing this area would stiffle a growing industry and leave many families searching for different venues.

Sincerely,

Ian MacKenzie

Response to Comment N-03356:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-03357
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would negatively impact the public sector jobs in the area. No one will lose their job if they do not expand, but many will if they expand.
In the current economic climate, we cannot afford this.

Sincerely,

Kirk Humphrey

Response to Comment N-03357:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03358

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is a place that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience what off roading is about. This area is very important to the off road community for we are restricted in many other areas. The events that take place generate alot of revenue for many businesses in the surrounding towns.
I am asking for consideration in going "east" in looking for more training land.

Sincerely,

Ray Kolisz

Response to Comment N-03358:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Comment ID: N-03359

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. Several studies regarding the current trend in government to change public land management policy from "open unless posted closed" to "closed unless posted open" have been performed by various user groups. Those studies reveal that the most prevalent reason for closures of previously open public lands is encroachment by various government agencies on these lands. The various branches of the armed forces have been active in seeking to expand their training facilities and expanding on those areas that have been traditionally used by user groups whose activities require remote, rugged terrain for enjoyment. While these areas may also fit the needs of the military, it is my opinion that the current expansion is more politically motivated than needed for training. I live in Colorado where the US Air Force recently appropriated land that included several very well known OHV trails and in doing so, closed these areas for public recreation. Since that time, no activities such as building, training of ground troops, or ordinance detonation has taken place. The land is now vacant and useless to anyone!

Having been raised in a US Army family, I know that the military exists at the whim of Congress and expansion is necessary to justify current budgets and ensure the continued disbursements of the Ways and Means committee.

I would ask, as a member of several public land user groups, that the US Marine Corps (Semper Fi!) look elsewhere for appropriation of property on which to expand their training facilities. Johnson Valley, California has been a traditional area of recreation for many generations and many people have not yet had the opportunity to enjoy what this area has to offer. If you take it, it will only be one more thing the government has taken from the citizens of the country it is supposed to be serving.

Sincerely,

Sherman Mathieu
Montrose, CO

Sincerely,

Sherman Mathieu

Response to Comment N-03359:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-03360

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. I'm a 20 year old 4000 miles away in Chesapeake Virginia and yes i have participated in illegal 4x4. I don't anymore however. "BUT" shrink and take away all our "public" land and ohv areas/parks(Paragon, Tellico) then enthusiasts such as myself may start going to the alternative. What right does authority have to take "PUBLIC LAND." Authority wonders why we wheel illegally and go against the grain when they're the ones slowly steeling from us and pushing us to break the law. I'm so sick of opening a new magazine and seeing another ohv park or section of public land at risk. Like i said, I'm 20 years old and i live in Virginia, quite a ways away from the issue I am writing about. But some of my hopes and dreams have been washed down the drain, such as the issue of Tellico and Paragon. Two iconic OHV areas on the east coast. I grew up reading magazines about how great of places these were will i ever get to visit them? NO!!! And it really gets my hate flowing to hear that someone else wants to take more public/OHV areas and make something "productive" out of them. And I'll stand in front against this and the people involved because its wrong. What reason does 29 Palms have for wanting to expand? What would they possibly need miles of desert, rocks, and 4x4 paradise for? That land has 10 times the value to four wheel enthusiasts then the military. They probably wouldn't do anything with it once they got it anyways except put up more "No Trespassing" signs.

Sincerely,

Jamie Henson

Response to Comment N-03360:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-03361

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you this letter to express my concerns with the possibility of the Marines expanding the 29 Palms military base into the Johnson Valley OHV area, home of the King of The Hammers desert race.

I travel from Tucson Arizona yearly to enjoy this unique OHV area. What looks like wilderness waist land In a very hot windy dry desert is very unique to OHV recreation. Loosing some or all of the Johnson Valley area would kill the King of the Hammers rock race event that tens of thousands enjoy.

Johnson Valley is an icon of how OHV recreation parks should be managed.

Please consider the uniqueness and understand the public interest in continued use of Johnson Valley as an OHV park.

Thanks
Dave Ashman
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wheelingarizona.com

Sincerely,

Dave Ashman

Response to Comment N-03361:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The analysis presented in Section 4.2 acknowledges and discusses the impacts that reduced access to recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage in other areas and potential overcrowding. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03362

Comment ID: N-03362
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The marines seem to think that expanding into the Johnson Valley OHV area is the best possible way to train our military for it's current conflicts. Obviously I am a supporter of the military (current active duty US Navy) and want nothing more than to have our soldiers/sailors/airmen/marines as well trained as humanly possible. But I am whole heartedly AGAINST an expansion into the Johnson Valley OHV area to do that when there are better suited options available.

As someone who stands to lose the right to recreate in the Johnson Valley OHV area, I feel there has not been enough time for the public to adequately asses the impact the Marine expansion into the area will have. Obviously the idea to expand west into the Johnson Valley OHV was not made over night but it appears the general public will not be given what I feel is an adequate amount of time to review the submissions by the Marines. For well over 2 years the Marines have talked about expanding, but we will have had less than a half a year to read through thousands of pages and respond with our opinion. I feel that this is not enough time and am asking for an extension so that every option is adequately reviewed and that a hasty decision is not made.

Sincerely,

Christopher Rea

Response to Comment N-03362:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-03363

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are a family that has had a vacation home in the Johnson Valley Community for over 20 years. We have seen this area grow into a Mecca for the OHV world. Seeing families every weekend driving from all over the U.S. to recreate and spend their hard earned money in the surrounding communities. As a young man starting a family with just a wife and 16 month old daughter I urge the powers that be to reconsider their decision to expand 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley OHV area.

Just as my wife and I have grown up in the area, I look forward to sharing the same experiences with my young daughter and future children. If 29 Palms expands into Johnson Valley OHV these places that have created life long memories will be off limits to them.

In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Farrell

Response to Comment N-03363:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03364

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

More and more land is taken from us every year and I would hate to see this area taken from us as well. It would really hurt to have it taken by the very same Department of Defense that I spent 7 years in helping to defend this country. Please rethink this move and at the very least, see if there is any other possible solution to your expansion.
Sincerely
Jess wade
OHV Enthusiast

Sincerely,

Jess wade

Response to Comment N-03364:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The analysis presented in Section 4.2 acknowledges and discusses the impacts that reduced access to recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage in other areas and potential overcrowding. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is the wheeling capital of the world. Wheelers are being kicked out of everyplace nowadays, and loosing Johnson Valley would hurt us terribly. I understand we need strong Marines, but you must understand we also need strong citizens. If we as a nation ever get attacked who do you want to back you up? A bunch of hippy fags, or hardcore wheelers? We got your back. We love this country, and are loosing all of our "training areas" to tree huggers.
Too many of our citizens nowadays are a bunch of limp wristed pretty boy granola crunchers. Hardcore wheelin' will make a man out of you. Building your rig gives you skills that we need to keep this country strong. Lets keep Johnson Valley for wheelers.

Sincerely,

Ty Walters

Response to Comment N-03365:

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is it not possible to expand to into a different area? The Johnson Valley OHV Recreational Area is irreplaceable to the OHV community.

Sincerely,

Andrew McRory

Response to Comment N-03366:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The analysis presented in Section 4.2 acknowledges and discusses the impacts that reduced access to recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage in other areas and potential overcrowding. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03367

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would encourage the Marines to expand East instead of West, this was an area previously used by them, so they should be familiar with it. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area.

Also, the purpose of the plan seems in doubt given the stated withdrawal of troops from Iraq and Afghanistan within the next several months. If we are not in the Middle East then why pursue a plan that is no longer needed.

Obviolusly, the plan lacks vision, consideration of economic consequences, and ignores the impact on the enviorment. Perhaps some planning should actually go into the plan.

Finally, the proposed expansion seems to ignore the pending reduction of the miliary budget that will occur within the next budget cycle, so the entire stated purpose of the plan seems to lack the financial support to ever get off the ground. This proposal appears to be just another waste of taxpayer dollars.

I'm a supporter of the military, but this an idea that has no viable purpose or reason.

Sincerely,

Robert Marshall

Response to Comment N-03367:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03368

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern;

I'm writing this letter in regards to the potential loss of one of the Southwest's greatest destination; Johnson Valley. Like many others from across the world as well as the US, we travel here for the fun, excitement, and beauty the area has to offer. I make the trip from 3000 miles away in Ontario, Canada because of the uniqueness of this area; others I've had the pleasure of meeting there have been from China, the UK, Australia, and the list goes on..

Expanding the military base into this area has really concerned me and I'd like you to know what kind of detriment closing this area would be. This is one of the last great OHV destinations in the Southern US and by closing it down you'd be destroying much of the community that spends their hard-earned dollars on vehicles built to enjoy this majestic terrain.

The OHV community is very much proactive in keeping this area clean, staying on marked trails, and trying hard to conserve the area so that our children will be able to enjoy this area for years to come.

Please do not expand into the Johnson Valley; you'd be taking away from us something that is so very special.

Sincerely,

Anthony Bellotti

Response to Comment N-03368:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. The analysis presented in Section 4.2 acknowledges and discusses the impacts that reduced access to recreational lands in Johnson Valley would have on increased usage in other areas and potential overcrowding. The public involvement process has led to the development of project alternatives (e.g., Alternatives 4, 5, and 6) that would enable the Marine Corps to meet the minimum live-fire and maneuver training requirements for a MEB while also providing public access to as much of the Johnson Valley area as possible for recreational use. Please refer to Sections 2.5 and 4.2 of the EIS.

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Comment ID: N-03369

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Kyle Holland

Response to Comment N-03369:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03370

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Joel Withers

Response to Comment N-03370:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03371

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.Thanks for the consideration.

Sincerely,

brandon shepherd

Response to Comment N-03371:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03372

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I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Andy Angell

Response to Comment N-03372:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. This seems like a simple solution!

Sincerely,

Chelsie Schoolcraft

Response to Comment N-03373:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03374

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. This is one of the few remaining OHV areas in Southern California. We as a community are very responsible and educated concerning the environment and are losing land to uneducated people faighting for a cause without fully understanding who we are and what we do for the environment.

Sincerely,

Michael Gonos

Response to Comment N-03374:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jeff Virgin

Response to Comment N-03375:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03376

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. I have been wheeling at johnson valley for years now and have many great memories. With getting older you kinda start to lose your good friends that you grew up with. Well johnson valley is a place that still to this day we all get together and go wheel and get to see each other. California is trying to shut down trails left and right on all of us and I cant tell you enough its getting harder and harder to just enjoy the good outdoors. I beg you to please expand to the east. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bryan Whitaker

Response to Comment N-03376:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03377

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area.
Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.
Not only more room to expand but the Marines could help keep one of the best ohv areas in the world alive. Public perception is of great importance to the US military and being a veteran I realize the need of the support from the public.
My biggest question why would the Marines even consider ruining one of the best places for Off roaders in world?
Please reconsider destroying a great family vacationing location.

Sincerely,

Richard Buday

Response to Comment N-03377:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03378

Comment ID: N-03378
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Ray Kolisz

Response to Comment N-03378:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03379

Comment ID: N-03379
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Although I don't know the wilderness area intamitly I would say the impact that thelimited use of the marines during training would not impact the land as much as the illegal use that would ensue if you were to close the legal ohv area.

Sincerely,

Michael Grove

Response to Comment N-03379:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03380

Comment ID: N-03380
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Svrjcek

Response to Comment N-03380:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03381

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Why take over an area in use over an area not in use?

Sincerely,

Adam Knolla

Response to Comment N-03381:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03382

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Thomas Niebauer

Response to Comment N-03382:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03383

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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And as a Marine it would take away a valuable area to enjoy free time instead of having to deal with the Single Marine Program

Sincerely,

Earl Holmes

Response to Comment N-03383:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03384

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid off road enthusiast as well as hunter. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sievert

Response to Comment N-03384:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03385

Comment ID: N-03385
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Please consider this as I would like to bring my family there on day when I am more financially stable.

Sincerely,

scott taylor II

Response to Comment N-03385:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03386

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, that Wilderness is not currently used by the public, and it would be easier to patrol in order to keep people out than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. This would be a win-win scenario for the government and the civilian population. You the government could expand your facilities even further than planned. We, the public, would be able to continue using Johnson valley ohv. If you closed this area down I personally think you would have a lot of people still trying to use it. This would just cause even more of a security issue.

Sincerely,

Andrew Barron

Response to Comment N-03386:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03387

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kim Carpenter

Response to Comment N-03387:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03388

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bryson Tsujimoto

Response to Comment N-03388:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03389

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Whitley

Response to Comment N-03389:

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Comment ID: N-03390

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Wayne Mortensen

Response to Comment N-03390:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03391

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Kennedy

Response to Comment N-03391:

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Comment ID: N-03392

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Adam Kunkel

Response to Comment N-03392:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03393

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Jackson

Response to Comment N-03393:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03394

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kyle McKendree

Response to Comment N-03394:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Art Page

Response to Comment N-03395:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I personally have never been to Johnson Valley OHV area,but have read many articles and seen many short videos of the trail systems and races that occur there.I have been planning a trip down with my family and am looking forward to seeing the beautiful country and enjoy the 4x4 sport with my kids.
We are already losing to many OHV parks and it is a shame.It results in illegal activities,wheeling and takes away family camping and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,

Randy Charpentier

Response to Comment N-03396:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

WIlliam Myer

Response to Comment N-03397:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Scott Sroufe

Response to Comment N-03398:

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Aside from the afor mentioned reasons, I strongly encourage 29 palms to expand east because of the negative impact the expansion will have on the ohv community. Everyone from manufacturers to families who live the off road lifestyle and enjoy the hobby will be negatively affected.

Additionaly, California is widely known for its beautiful landscapes and vast desert open for public use. Closing such an important land such as the JV area would be a great blow to California's tourism. As you may know, every year an off road competition called "King of The Hammers" takes place in the above mentioned area and this event draws thousands of people from the other side of the country to California to participate and watch this great race. Closing down the JV area from the public will have dire consequences on the economy of local businesses.

Therefore I strongly suggest the expansion is replanned to head east and avoid all these negative consequences of heading west.

Sincerely,

Govanny Davalos

Response to Comment N-03399:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Will Gentile

Response to Comment N-03400:

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Comment ID: N-03401

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Phil Rock

Response to Comment N-03401:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

logan jaybush

Response to Comment N-03402:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matthew Hemsoth

Response to Comment N-03403:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dave Marciniak

Response to Comment N-03404:

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Comment ID: N-03405

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

John Woodmass

Response to Comment N-03405:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

William R. Woodland

Response to Comment N-03406:

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Comment ID: N-03407

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

brandon farley

Response to Comment N-03407:

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Response to Comment N-03408:

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Sincerely,

Dale Aastrom

Response to Comment N-03409:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I am also an avid OHV operator, currently living in upstate NY. One of my dreams is to travel to Johnson Valley to experience the unique terrain that has been a centerpiece of of the OHV community for years. There are thousands of families that use this area each year and losing the area would limit the growth of our hobby and even some companies livelihood.

Sincerely,

Aaron Graham

Response to Comment N-03410:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Francis Mercier

Response to Comment N-03411:

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Comment ID: N-03412

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Zach Sirkin

Response to Comment N-03412:

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Comment ID: N-03413

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerly,
Jon Simpson
GySgt, USMC (Ret)

Sincerely,

Jon Simpson

Response to Comment N-03413:

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Comment ID: N-03414

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Marcy Border

Response to Comment N-03414:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03415

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Donald Nywening

Response to Comment N-03415:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03416

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Sincerely,

Josh Burkett

Response to Comment N-03416:

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Comment ID: N-03417

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Sincerely,

Rob Means

Response to Comment N-03417:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03418

Comment ID: N-03418
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.
There are becoming fewer and fewer places of wild beauty that can be enjoyed by the off-road community. To take away one of the "Mecca's" of off-roading would be a blow to a growing number of taxpayers that enjoy this area currently.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03418:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03419

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. These lands are public and we should keep them that way.

Sincerely
Ben Davidson

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-03419:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03420

Comment ID: N-03420
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Every day more and more off road parks are closed, despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03420:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03421

Comment ID: N-03421
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sirs,

I am writing today to voice my displeasure with the way that you are taking the O.H.V. area in Johnson Valley. Johnson Valley is one of the few places that families can go to enjoy off road driving in southern California.

You have stated in a public meeting (DAC Victorville) that you would only be actively training in this area approximately two months out of the year but you want to close down off road vehicle access to most of the area twelve months of the year.

I would propose that you can still use this area for training but that the entire area be left open when not being used, while this would require you to "move in / move out" the support equipment it would also let you evaluate and train the support personnel under real life conditions and not just the fighting units.

I hope that you will lock at the whole cost to this project including the income to local business and the vanishing public lands for families to recreate on.

John Dalgleish
Simi Valley, Ca

Sincerely,

John Dalgleish

Response to Comment N-03421:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03422

Comment ID: N-03422
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

derek murphy

Response to Comment N-03422:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03423

Comment ID: N-03423
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03423:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03424

Comment ID: N-03424
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03424:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03425

Comment ID: N-03425
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. We really can't afford to lose any more land for OHV use and the economy can't afford to lose the monetary support of the OHV users that will have to quit the sport due to lack of area to offroad.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03425:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03426

Comment ID: N-03426
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Robert McMican

Response to Comment N-03426:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03427

Comment ID: N-03427
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please reconsider expanding into the Johnson Valley area. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-03427:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03428

Comment ID: N-03428
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03428:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03429

Comment ID: N-03429
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Our lands are disappering and our use is increasing. This just doesn't make sense.

Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-03429:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03430

Comment ID: N-03430
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03430:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03431

Comment ID: N-03431
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Liam Smith

Response to Comment N-03431:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03432

Comment ID: N-03432
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andrew Klemme

Response to Comment N-03432:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03433

Comment ID: N-03433
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03433:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03434

Comment ID: N-03434
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03434:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03435

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. If Johnson Valley is shut down we will be loosing the single largest OHV area in the country. This will add a huge amount of congestion and in turn cause more accidents/injuries at the remaining OHV areas

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03435:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03436

Comment ID: N-03436
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-03436:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03437

Comment ID: N-03437
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03437:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03438

Comment ID: N-03438
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03438:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03439

Comment ID: N-03439
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03439:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03440

Comment ID: N-03440
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Brad Munchel

Response to Comment N-03440:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03441

Comment ID: N-03441
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Greg Gunkel

Response to Comment N-03441:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03442

Comment ID: N-03442
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dylan Lipscomb

Response to Comment N-03442:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03443

Comment ID: N-03443
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Please do not take away this great section of beautiful terrain from the public. There is plenty of other places to go and this takeover would be detrimental to the off-roading enthusiasts all over the world. There are teams from all over the world that come to compete in the King of the Hammers race held in Johnson Valley. Thank you for your understanding in helping us to preserve this land.

Sincerely,

Brandon Rutledge

Response to Comment N-03443:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-03444

Comment ID: N-03444
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bobby Morley
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03444:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03445

Comment ID: N-03445
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-03445:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03446

Comment ID: N-03446
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03446:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03447

Comment ID: N-03447
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. I have yet to make enough time to make it to the Valley and I would like to have that option in the future.
Thanks for reading my letter.

Regards,

Curt

Sincerely,

Curt Shelstad

Response to Comment N-03447:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03448

Comment ID: N-03448
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Please leave our public land open to the public.
Thanks

Sincerely,

Curt Shelstad

Response to Comment N-03448:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03449

Comment ID: N-03449
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

Where shall be be banned to if you take over this land? Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Lisette Polanco

Response to Comment N-03449:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03450

Comment ID: N-03450
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV is one of the fastest growing segments in recreation. It's a huge and growing industry and it requires open land for it's continued growth. In addition land is needed just to sustain what's already out there. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Pushing more and more users into smaller and smaller areas not only adds to the strain on those lands it also leads to much bigger issues. Crime, accidents, conflicts between users, damage to the lands, trash, illegal use of closed land, etc. all go up exponentially when these areas start to get overcrowded. Plain and simple, we need this land just as much as, if not more than, the Marines do. OHV users dont have any more options opening up to them. The Marines DO have other options for expansion besides this very valuable piece of land.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-03450:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-03451

Comment ID: N-03451
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Billy Nickel
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To Whom It May Concern:

In this liberal state the environmentalists are fighting to close all the off-road areas. Now we have Marines trying to take our most popular area away from us. When will it stop? Do we really need to sell our trucks and Jeeps and live like liberals?

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-03451:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03452

Comment ID: N-03452
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Please go EAST instead, I'd love to take my family here. Would be a win-win for all involved.

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03452:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-03453

Comment ID: N-03453
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a family past time for many. Do not take this away..

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03453:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03454

Comment ID: N-03454
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please go East!

Thank you Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03454:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-03455

Comment ID: N-03455
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Enviromentlist are at war against us already, despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03455:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03456

Comment ID: N-03456
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03456:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-03457

Comment ID: N-03457
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many creatures live in and around the Johnson Valley. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03457:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03458

Comment ID: N-03458
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.The Marines need to look at all area's and also look at what it would do to surrounding community's moving to the east would be better than destroying the community's to the west

Beverly Folena

Sincerely,

Beverly Folena

Response to Comment N-03458:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03459

Comment ID: N-03459
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03459:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03460

Comment ID: N-03460
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03460:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03461

Comment ID: N-03461
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Robert McMican

Response to Comment N-03461:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03462

Comment ID: N-03462
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Heather Naong
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider expanding west into the Johnson Valley area. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-03462:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03463

Comment ID: N-03463
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McCarthy
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03463:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03464

Comment ID: N-03464
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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Conroe, TX 77301

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03464:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03465

Comment ID: N-03465
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Liam Smith
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Liam Smith

Response to Comment N-03465:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03466

Comment ID: N-03466
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Padilla
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03466:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03467

Comment ID: N-03467
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joe Collins
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East must be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all of us if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Joe Collins

Response to Comment N-03467:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03468

Comment ID: N-03468
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Martin
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. This wilderness is a dubious designation and only a small # of users can access it due to wilderness restrictions. While Johnson Valley is accessible to ALL users. Expanding east would have a positive effect on the Economy by adding militaty users to the 4 wheeling base that already exists.

Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-03468:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03469

Comment ID: N-03469
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Caskey
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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops and with out them our freedoms wouldn't exist. I've become aware of a huge volume of opposition to the 29 Palms expansion. This opposition is not directed at the Marine Corps, and in no way should it be construed as a lack of support for our troops. Instead this is opposition to the expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area.

The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES I love ridding my dirt bike and getting out to see nature. The JV area is a mecca of off road playgrounds and alse natural beauty. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-03469:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03470

Comment ID: N-03470
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03470:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03471

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. The OHV community has already sacrificed too much to the Wilderness program. I understand that in the opinion of the general public there is less resistance to taking OHV lands than "wilderness" land but that should not be a reason to take the easy way out

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03471:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03472

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03472:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03473

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-03473:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03474

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. What about the tortoise? The Desert tortoise section in the DEIS does not address cumulative impacts and mitigation requirements. There needs to be an in-depth study on the effects on the desert tortoise and its environment and also a study done on how much funding this will take.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03474:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03475

Comment ID: N-03475
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I think the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative to expanding at 29 Palms

Sincerely,

Mark James

Response to Comment N-03475:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03476

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-03476:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03477

Comment ID: N-03477
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. This would lead to less confusion for people new to Johnson Valley, and it would also allow many families to partake in a great hobby; OHV riding. Please consider expanding East so that everyone may be happy.

Sincerely,

Sarah Becher

Response to Comment N-03477:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03478

Comment ID: N-03478
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. It is the path of least resistance.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03478:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03479

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Greg Gunkel

Response to Comment N-03479:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03480

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Mirissa Good

Response to Comment N-03480:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03481

Comment ID: N-03481
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03481:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03482

Comment ID: N-03482
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03482:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03483

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bobby Morley
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03483:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03484

Comment ID: N-03484
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Lisette Polanco
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To Whom It May Concern:

Save the tortoises! The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Lisette Polanco

Response to Comment N-03484:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Lisette Polanco

Response to Comment N-03485:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03486

Comment ID: N-03486
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is not the only open usable land around 29 Palms, there is land to the east as well. It is currently designated as Wilderness, which means that the public is already not using it. Expanding 29 Palms to the East makes much more sense than west into JV for many reasons. Recreation drives the local economy, and it also drives a huge industry that keeps many people employed. Taking JV takes away from a lot of people. Taking empty wilderness land effects almost nobody. The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-03486:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03487

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03487:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03488

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03488:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03489

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East. The proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions has been on my radar since it became an issue.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of countless other events.

I demand that the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all stakeholders involved in Johnson Valley if 29 Palms were to expand East.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go EAST Marines! THANK YOU!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03489:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03490

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Every viable option for alternate expansion needs to be considered. Which direction would have the most minimal impact on all parties involved? The repeal of Wilderness areas to the East needs to be studied in depth as a viable alternative. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03490:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03491

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Not only during the KOH race, but throughout the year, off-highway and other recreational uses brings thousands of users to the area. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go EAST instead. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03491:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03492

Comment ID: N-03492
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.
Even with every effort to ensure this does not happen, it is unavoidable to end up having people put at risk due to the nature of Johnson Valley and the military's planned use.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03492:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-03493:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03494

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03494:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03495

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03495:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03496

Comment ID: N-03496
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03496:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03497

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03497:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03498

Comment ID: N-03498
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. It seems like a much better answer to expand to the East, where civilian traffic won't be such an issue.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03498:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03499

Comment ID: N-03499
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Thomas Brown

Response to Comment N-03499:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03500

Comment ID: N-03500
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Lesley Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. With the wide use of this area to please outside of the local community, I can imagine that many people will not be aware of it's closure. This will lead to an even great increase in the general public unknowingly and accidentally wandering into 29 Palms. Please consider expanding into areas already unseen by the general public as to avoid these accidents.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03500:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03501

Comment ID: N-03501
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to read all of our letters. One of my major concerns is the safety for both our Marines and the general public who has been using Johnson Valley for recreation in the past. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. It seems as though expanding East into what was the "wilderness" area would be a much better and safer option.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03501:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03502

Comment ID: N-03502
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops and with out them our freedoms wouldn't exist. I've become aware of a huge volume of opposition to the 29 Palms expansion. This opposition is not directed at the Marine Corps, and in no way should it be construed as a lack of support for our troops. Instead this is opposition to the expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area.

The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES I love ridding my dirt bike and getting out to see nature. The JV area is a mecca of off road playgrounds and alse natural beauty. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-03502:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03503

Comment ID: N-03503
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Parks
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03503:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03504

Comment ID: N-03504
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Even though there has been a huge push to educate the OVH community about the proposed expansion there are a large number of people who are not aware of it. Concider what will happen if some guy who have been out of the hobby for a few years goes out a buys a new jeep and decides to take a run up to his old playground during a training exercise.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03504:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03505

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Due to the popularity of the area in the OHV community, I imagine that many people not local to the area will be an aware that this area is closed. This seems like a problem that will plague for many years to come. A solution would be to expand to areas that aren't currently in use to the general public.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03505:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-03506

Comment ID: N-03506
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-03506:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03507

Comment ID: N-03507
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03507:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03508

Comment ID: N-03508
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03508:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03509

Comment ID: N-03509
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03509:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03510

Comment ID: N-03510
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Go EAST!

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03510:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03511

Comment ID: N-03511
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03511:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03512

Comment ID: N-03512
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Jarchow
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Keep this land PUBLIC.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03512:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03513

Comment ID: N-03513
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Madison Little

Response to Comment N-03513:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-03514

Comment ID: N-03514
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The fact that global warming is a controversial one. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03514:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03515

Comment ID: N-03515
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Heather Naong
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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-03515:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03516

Comment ID: N-03516
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. With carbon footprints and environmental impact being such a hot topic these days, I would expect the government to follow suit with what they expect from us civilians and do whatever they can to mitigate the damage that they cause.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03516:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03517

Comment ID: N-03517
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David De Anda
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03517:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03518

Comment ID: N-03518
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03518:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03519

Comment ID: N-03519
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03519:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03520:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03521

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Not only that, but if it was even logistically possible, the amount of water necessary to successfully control dust in that large of an area would undoubtedly make a huge deficit in the water supply of the area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03521:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03522

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03522:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03523:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03524

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. There are many local residents that live in the desert that have medical problems that require clean air.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03524:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03525

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03525:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03526

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Air quality is of specific interest to me lately as I have recently developed a "lung" condition at work, otherwise known as "occupational asthma". I've been in the hospital 3 times for surgery the last 4 years and am not on medical leave for the 5th time in that 4 year span. This is all due to poor air conditions in the plant I work at and has now been proven to be the direct cause. I am forced to wear a half-mask respirator and use a breathing machine at home along with a bunch of other medications just to keep somewhat normal lung function. Stirring up that much more dust in an area like this could spread problems to the valley and effect many other folks than just myself. Please move East instead.

Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03526:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Comment ID: N-03527

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03527:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03528:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-03529:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03530

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. As an outdoor enthusiast and avid hiker, I ask that you explore other areas to partake in these activities. Areas that are already not accessible be the public.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03530:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03531

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03531:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03532:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03533

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03533:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03534:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. Further, how much land would be destroyed, how much vegetation killed, how many forms of wildlife threatened or killed as well. Would be a critical mistake to our entire ecosystem. Please reconsider the need to expand.

Thanks,

MIke

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03535:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03536

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. This dust will affect the wildlife and nearby homes. Expanding to the east seems like a better option to mitigate dust levels to nearby homes. Please reconsider your expansion into this area and continue to explore other viable options.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03536:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Comment ID: N-03537

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley, the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please go East. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03537:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Comment ID: N-03538

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03538:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03539

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Global Warming is a controversial issue and with massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-03539:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03540

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Please consider the locals and expand East where there will be a lesser impact to the local community.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03540:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03541

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive. Please consider the reason and necessity of the training that is being proposed that would cause 29 palms to expand.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03541:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03542

Comment ID: N-03542
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

COUGH COUGH! California already has quality of air issues. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03542:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03543

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please go EAST. Thanks Marines!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03543:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Comment ID: N-03544

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03544:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03545:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03546

Comment ID: N-03546
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Hardy, VA 24101

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03546:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03547

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03547:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03548

Comment ID: N-03548
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

james blackburn

Response to Comment N-03548:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-03549

Comment ID: N-03549
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03549:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-03550

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03550:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03551

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David De Anda
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03551:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03552

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03552:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03553

Comment ID: N-03553
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Marc Grobe
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Villa Park, IL 60181-2625

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in an area of our great country with little to no public land set aside for offroad use. To participate in my hobby I often have to travel one or two states away. I would hate to see this situation occur with Johnson Valley.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Marc Grobe

Response to Comment N-03553:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03554

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McCarthy
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Spring City, PA 19475

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03554:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03555

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. William Grobe
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Villa Park, IL 60181-2625

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

As a former member of the greatest military in the world I do understand the need for training. In this case I would like to encourage the Marines to Go East.

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

William Grobe

Response to Comment N-03555:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03556

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Rita Grobe
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Rita Grobe

Response to Comment N-03556:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03557

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jim Benton
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Holly Springs, NC 27540

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Jim Benton

Response to Comment N-03557:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03558

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mikusky
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-03558:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03559

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Why not take the larger area to the east, it would provide more training area for the troops and endure much less public resistance.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03559:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03560

Comment ID: N-03560
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Lesley Smith
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03560:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03561

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Richard Penniman
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Go East!
Please study the potential of expanding 29 Palms to the East instead of into Johnson Valley to the west.

Johnson Valley is valuable to hundreds of thousands of OHV enthusiasts.

The Wilderness area to the east is valuable to several dozen people.

The greater good would have 29 Palms expand (if at all) to the East.

Sincerely,

Richard Penniman

Response to Comment N-03561:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03562

Comment ID: N-03562
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Padilla
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Fullerton, CA 92831

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Taking the land to the east would not be taking from the public as drastically as if you took Johnson Valley. Please consider and expand East.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03562:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03563

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Paul Cova
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Paul Cova

Response to Comment N-03563:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03564

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andrew Klemme
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Andrew Klemme

Response to Comment N-03564:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03565

Comment ID: N-03565
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Parks
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Midland, TX 79707

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03565:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03566

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Simi Valley, CA 93063

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. This seems to be an option that will be beneficial to all parties involved.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03566:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03567

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Moving the Marines EAST if the expansion really is necessary would be a win-win for all involved, benefit the Marines and keep public land open to the public as it should be. Please reconsider and go East instead.

Thanks

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03567:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03568

Comment ID: N-03568
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Evelyn Smith
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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

As an outdoor and hiking enthusiast, I ask for the repeal of Wilderness areas to the East and a need to study viable alternatives. It would be much more beneficial to all involved if 29 Palms where to expand East as it would not affect the general public and access to public lands. Closing down the area we love to hike leaves us no other option. Please reconsider your move into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03568:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03569

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-03569:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03570

Comment ID: N-03570
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03570:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03571

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03571:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03572

Comment ID: N-03572
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Anthony Albano

Response to Comment N-03572:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03573

Comment ID: N-03573
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03573:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03574

Comment ID: N-03574
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Instead of taking over land that is highly valued by the public I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. It may take more time than it would to simply take what has already been developed by the public but would not be crippiling an industry.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Yamauchi

Response to Comment N-03574:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03575

Comment ID: N-03575
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03575:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03576

Comment ID: N-03576
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for serving our country but please look elsewhere for land. I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Jessie Polanco

Response to Comment N-03576:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03577

Comment ID: N-03577
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Nathan Cockrum

Response to Comment N-03577:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03578

Comment ID: N-03578
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. Please consider expanding East so that we may continue using the trails at Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03578:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03579

Comment ID: N-03579
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03579:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03580

Comment ID: N-03580
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas, the area east of the base is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms than the area to the west.

Go EAST! Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03580:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03581

Comment ID: N-03581
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Jarchow
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03581:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03582

Comment ID: N-03582
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

I support and have the up most respect for the USMC and my Brother In Arms. I am a SSgt in the USAF and understand the reason and purpose for training. If you have the resources to expand east then why effect an area that has had such a huge impact on the OHV community? We have already lost so much land over the years, we do not need to lose another great place. If this area gets closed this is one more OHV area my childern will never be able to enjoy. Please go east.

Sincerely,

Bryan Dietz

Response to Comment N-03582:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03583

Comment ID: N-03583
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Blain
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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms. A study looking into the viability of this option should be conducted and made public.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03583:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03584

Comment ID: N-03584
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03584:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03585

Comment ID: N-03585
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03585:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03586

Comment ID: N-03586
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With the amount of land available around 29 Palms, I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03586:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03587

Comment ID: N-03587
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to encourage 29 Palms to expand East instead of West. While this would take a re-designation of Wilderness areas; it is not currently used by the public and it would be easier to patrol than the current Johnson Valley OHV area. Furthermore, it would give the Marines more room to expand 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03587:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03588

Comment ID: N-03588
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Jarchow
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Think of the damage that will be done for all future generations.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03588:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03589

Comment ID: N-03589
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires and stay to specific trails. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please go EAST. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03589:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03590

Comment ID: N-03590
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Military vehicles also are much heavier than the typical OHV that is used in Johnson Valley. The environmental impact of the military's use of this area must be throughly investigated.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03590:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03591

Comment ID: N-03591
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. ben davidson
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Not to mentions what bombs and explosives would do to the area.

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-03591:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03592

Comment ID: N-03592
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Haney
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03592:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03593

Comment ID: N-03593
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03593:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03594

Comment ID: N-03594
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Derek Murphy
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riverdale, UT 84405

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03594:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03595

Comment ID: N-03595
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McCarthy
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Spring City, PA 19475

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using bracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03595:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03596

Comment ID: N-03596
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. Do the Marines have any sort of plan to combat this damage?

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03596:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03597

Comment ID: N-03597
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03597:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03598

Comment ID: N-03598
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Thomas Brown
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Thomas Brown

Response to Comment N-03598:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03599

Comment ID: N-03599
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Lesley Smith
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Simi Valley, CA 93063

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. This will erase away 30 years of effort to "do no harm" to our beloved Johnson Valley. Please consider other viable options for your expansion.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03599:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03600

Comment ID: N-03600
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Parks
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03600:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03601

Comment ID: N-03601
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. andrew marshall
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03601:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03602

Comment ID: N-03602
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Cortney Taylor
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03602:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03603

Comment ID: N-03603
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-03603:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03604

Comment ID: N-03604
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bobby Morley
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03604:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03605

Comment ID: N-03605
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03605:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-03606

Comment ID: N-03606
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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East Wenatchee, WA 98802-8281

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. In addition to airing down, we are proud followers of the TREAD LIGHTLY principles and supporters of the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Please go East. We have fought hard to preserve and protect this land, keeping it open to the public as it should be.

Thanks,

Go EAST!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03606:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

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Comment ID: N-03607

Comment ID: N-03607
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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Topeka, KS 66614

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

What? I can't Hear you? That's what campers around the 29 Palms say now. It will only be worse when the Marines expand. Heaver and louder equipment and ordinace will make it unbearable for the residents who leave near the area as well as the campers and recreational users of the Johnson Valley. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03607:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03608

Comment ID: N-03608
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Please stop and reconsider your decision to expand into the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-03608:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03609

Comment ID: N-03609
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McCarthy
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Spring City, PA 19475

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03609:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03610

Comment ID: N-03610
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Clearly expanding the base towards the East is a much better solution.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03610:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

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Comment ID: N-03611

Comment ID: N-03611
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Padilla
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Fullerton, CA 92831

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03611:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03612

Comment ID: N-03612
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. andrew marshall
mayhem metal works
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. These people bought hoses next to an OHV area, NOT a military training area, an expansion would cause a huge disruption to their quality of life and affect their property values.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03612:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03613

Comment ID: N-03613
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Caskey
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centreville, VA 20120-1563

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops and with out them our freedoms wouldn't exist. I've become aware of a huge volume of opposition to the 29 Palms expansion. This opposition is not directed at the Marine Corps, and in no way should it be construed as a lack of support for our troops. Instead this is opposition to the expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area.

The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES I love ridding my dirt bike and getting out to see nature. The JV area is a mecca of off road playgrounds and alse natural beauty. There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-03613:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03614

Comment ID: N-03614
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mark James
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Granada Hills, CA 91344

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

What about all the houses on Old Woman Springs Road? Don't you think their quality of life will suffer with expanded trailing in the area?

Sincerely,

Mark James

Response to Comment N-03614:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03615

Comment ID: N-03615
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Aaron McDougal
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South Jordan, UT 84095

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern;

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-03615:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03616

Comment ID: N-03616
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Carole McMurray
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Nevada City, CA 95959

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Carole McMurray

Response to Comment N-03616:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03617

Comment ID: N-03617
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Evelyn Smith
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Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Please reconsider your expansion and search for other viable options.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03617:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03618

Comment ID: N-03618
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Aaron Bush
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Visalia, CA 93277

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03618:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03619

Comment ID: N-03619
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bobby Morley
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St helens, OR 97051

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03619:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03620

Comment ID: N-03620
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Max Barker
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Conifer, CO 80433

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue, impacting already too depressed real estate values.

Sincerely,

Max Barker

Response to Comment N-03620:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03621

Comment ID: N-03621
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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East Wenatchee, WA 98802-8281

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03621:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03622

Comment ID: N-03622
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Jarchow
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03622:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03623

Comment ID: N-03623
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

What? I can't hear ya! This is what many of the residents who live near 29 Palms say daily.

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-03623:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03624

Comment ID: N-03624
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Please consider the quality of life of local residents by not expanding.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03624:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03625

Comment ID: N-03625
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue. Have you looked into other areas that won't be as close to homes?

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03625:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03626

Comment ID: N-03626
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03626:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03627

Comment ID: N-03627
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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Hardy, VA 24101

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

There are many houses on Old Woman Springs Road. From those homes currently you can clearly hear Marines training at 29 Palms. By expanding west, sound will be an even greater issue.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03627:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use and aircraft operations under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public, and may sometimes be an annoyance. In addition to the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) time-averaged analysis conducted in the Draft EIS, single-event noise modeling has been conducted and the results added to Section 4.9 of the Final EIS.

Comment ID: N-03628

Comment ID: N-03628
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Not only will the loss of public lands take away from the economy of the area, but the loss of "nature" and beauty will drive away others who use the area as a site seeing destination.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03628:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03629

Comment ID: N-03629
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McCarthy
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Spring City, PA 19475

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03629:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03630

Comment ID: N-03630
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03630:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03631

Comment ID: N-03631
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David De Anda
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03631:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03632

Comment ID: N-03632
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Please go East. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03632:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03633

Comment ID: N-03633
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Jarchow
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Do not destroy OUR land for all future generations.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03633:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03634

Comment ID: N-03634
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. This is an amazing part of the mojave desert that should not be destroyed and left open and avaliable to the public

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03634:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03635

Comment ID: N-03635
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Simons
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Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please expand the 29 Palms Marine base to the east rather than into Johnson Valley. This desert wilderness has been enjoyed by Off Highway Vehicle enthusiasts for its rugged terrain and stark beauty.

The beauty of Johnson Valley is only one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Please do not destroy this wonderland with live fire exercises, tank maneuvers, and war games.

Sincerely,

David Simons

Response to Comment N-03635:

The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03636

Comment ID: N-03636
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03636:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03637

Comment ID: N-03637
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Denise Little
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Denise Little

Response to Comment N-03637:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03638

Comment ID: N-03638
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03638:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03639

Comment ID: N-03639
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03639:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03640

Comment ID: N-03640
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

ORV users keep to designated trails. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03640:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03641

Comment ID: N-03641
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03641:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03642

Comment ID: N-03642
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Blain
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. To go from a rugged natural beauty to an extended military base with irreversible changes would be to take something away from future generations that would also enjoy this area.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03642:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03643

Comment ID: N-03643
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. The changing of the color hues at sunrise and sunset. The rock formations and natural erosion. The peace and simplicity that mother nature created for all of use. Military operations will distract from the natural beauty of the area as well as keep the general public away from this beautiful land. Please consider expanding elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03643:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03644

Comment ID: N-03644
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03644:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03645

Comment ID: N-03645
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Aaron McDougal
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-03645:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03646

Comment ID: N-03646
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Aaron Bush
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03646:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03647

Comment ID: N-03647
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. wade branum
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muldrow, OK 74948

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-03647:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03648

Comment ID: N-03648
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Evelyn Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Please consider other options for expansion that don't include taking public lands away from the public.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03648:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03649

Comment ID: N-03649
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Cortney Taylor
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03649:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03650

Comment ID: N-03650
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. The land itself will be destroyed and changed forever. Think of areas like Moab and the Golden Arches, in which some of the more famous arches have disintegrated and are now only in memories and post cards. Please don't let JV become the next "post card".

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03650:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03651

Comment ID: N-03651
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mikusky
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-03651:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03652

Comment ID: N-03652
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Please consider other alternatives for expansion.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03652:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-03653

Comment ID: N-03653
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McCarthy
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03653:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03654

Comment ID: N-03654
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03654:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03655

Comment ID: N-03655
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Lets just blow up and crater the entire southwest. It seems that the desert is constantly under attack by the military under the title of Training. Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03655:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03656

Comment ID: N-03656
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03656:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03657

Comment ID: N-03657
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03657:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03658

Comment ID: N-03658
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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Conroe, TX 77301

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I really appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to read all of our concerns about the expansion of 29 Palms. Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS. I feel that this is a very important issue that needs to be addresses, for the safety of everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03658:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03659

Comment ID: N-03659
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03659:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03660

Comment ID: N-03660
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03660:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03661

Comment ID: N-03661
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03661:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03662

Comment ID: N-03662
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brandon Watson
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Brandon Watson

Response to Comment N-03662:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03663

Comment ID: N-03663
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS. Please reconsider expansion at 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03663:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03664

Comment ID: N-03664
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Luz Nixon
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Even if we do share the JV with the Marines there are currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-03664:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03665

Comment ID: N-03665
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Amanda Smith
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Rocklin, CA 95677

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03665:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03666

Comment ID: N-03666
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03666:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03667

Comment ID: N-03667
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Max Barker
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Conifer, CO 80433

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Max Barker

Response to Comment N-03667:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03668

Comment ID: N-03668
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bobby Morley
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03668:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03669

Comment ID: N-03669
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03669:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03670

Comment ID: N-03670
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Evelyn Smith
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Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03670:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03671

Comment ID: N-03671
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Cortney Taylor
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03671:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03672

Comment ID: N-03672
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Taylor
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Roseville, CA 95661

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03672:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03673

Comment ID: N-03673
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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mayhem metal works
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03673:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03674

Comment ID: N-03674
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Simons
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the proposed expansion of the 29 Palms Marine base into Johnson Valley, the home of some of the world's greatest off road trails. Responsible off highway vehicle enthusiasts, for years, have maintained the trails and avoided causing potentially disastrous fires.

If the Marines utilize this area for live fire exercises during training, this may certainly change.

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Please expand the base AWAY from Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

David Simons

Response to Comment N-03674:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03675

Comment ID: N-03675
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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Conroe, TX 77301

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Not only would this endanger people, belongings, and he wildlife, but it's also a huge detriment to air quality.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03675:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03676

Comment ID: N-03675
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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Conroe, TX 77301

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

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Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03676:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03677

Comment ID: N-03677
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03677:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03678

Comment ID: N-03678
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

How much of California has to deal with wild fires? How many of those fires are started with military equipment. I know near Ft Bliss there has been several fires started because of Military training. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03678:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03679

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. This would put local residents in danger and affect the habitat of numerous animals that live in the area

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03679:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03680

Comment ID: N-03680
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03680:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03681

Comment ID: N-03681
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03681:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03682

Comment ID: N-03682
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03682:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03683

Comment ID: N-03683
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03683:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03684

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Please consider using installations already in place rather than expanding at 29 Palms.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03684:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03685

Comment ID: N-03686
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. The wildfires of California have been all over the news even in my state. Would hate to have to send my fire fighters down to put something out due to an issue like this and put others lives at risk in the process. Please reconsider.

MIke

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03685:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

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With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. The wildfires of California have been all over the news even in my state. Would hate to have to send my fire fighters down to put something out due to an issue like this and put others lives at risk in the process. Please reconsider.

MIke

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03686:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03687

Comment ID: N-03687
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. OHV enthusiast that currently use the area and care about their environment, all carry fire extinguishers and some even have built in fire suppression systems on their four wheelers. The OHV community has done a great deal to protect Johnson Valley and keep it pristine. Expanding Twentynine Palms to this area seems like a disaster waiting to happen. Have there been any studies done on the impact of fire, not only to this area that is close to many houses, but to the eastern wilderness area? I believe you will find that an expansion to the east may mitigate this issue.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03687:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03688

Comment ID: N-03688
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03688:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03689

Comment ID: N-03689
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03689:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03690

Comment ID: N-03690
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. Due to the amount of homes in the area, it seems that expansion into other unpopulated areas would be more appealing. Please consider other options for your expansion.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03690:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-03691

Comment ID: N-03691
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Taylor
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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03691:

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Comment ID: N-03692

Comment ID: N-03692
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." It seems as though expanding East is a much more viable and safe solution, that won't endanger generations to come.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03692:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-03693

Comment ID: N-03693
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03693:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03694

Comment ID: N-03694
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03694:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03695

Comment ID: N-03695
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03695:

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Comment ID: N-03696

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is my biggest concern with the shared use proposal. my fear is that in a year or two we will loose access due to danger from unexploded ordinance

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03696:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03697

Comment ID: N-03697
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03697:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03698

Comment ID: N-03698
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03698:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03699

Comment ID: N-03699
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03699:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03700

Comment ID: N-03700
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." Please consider expanding East and/or cutting back the use of munitions.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03700:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03701

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Do not take this land away from future generations. It would be impossible to clean this area up for future PUBLIC use.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03701:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03702

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." Please reconsider your expansion into this area and continue to explore other viable options.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03702:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03703

Comment ID: N-03703
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03703:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03704

Comment ID: N-03704
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Live shells can be found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Max Barker

Response to Comment N-03704:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03705

Comment ID: N-03705
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03705:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03706

Comment ID: N-03706
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03706:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03707

Comment ID: N-03707
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-03707:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03708

Comment ID: N-03708
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." As a concerned citizen and avid outdoor enthusiast, I ask that you not partake in these activities in areas that are primarily used by families. There seem to be other suitable options that don't include Johnson Valley or other public lands. Please reconsider this action.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03708:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03709

Comment ID: N-03709
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03709:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03710

Comment ID: N-03710
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley unusable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-03710:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03711

Comment ID: N-03711
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many companies that support the off road industry depend on the Johnson Valley ORV park for advertisment and sponsor ship during the events heald there. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

If the area is no longer to be used for events like the KOH, many business would suffer loss of capital and many would likely close. That's more unemployed.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03711:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03712

Comment ID: N-03712
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03712:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03713

Comment ID: N-03713
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03713:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03714

Comment ID: N-03714
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03714:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03715

Comment ID: N-03715
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. As an OHV business owner I oppose closing down the area where a large number of my customers recreate.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03715:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03716

Comment ID: N-03716
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03716:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03717

Comment ID: N-03717
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03717:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03718

Comment ID: N-03718
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03718:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03719

Comment ID: N-03719
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. We all Pay to play and the taxes help fund everything. Please leave the land open for the public.

Sincerely,

Curt Shelstad

Response to Comment N-03719:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03720

Comment ID: N-03720
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03720:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03721

Comment ID: N-03721
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Amanda Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Large events such as the King of the Hammers creates an immense about of commerce. From product testing, to sponsorship, to marketing products to thousands of potential customers, closing this are to this event alone creates a large impact. Please reconsider your expansion into this area and continue to explore other viable options.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03721:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03722

Comment ID: N-03722
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please go East. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03722:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03723

Comment ID: N-03723
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Luz Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

King of the Hammer is a place where new Off-Road technology is tested and displayed.

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines.

Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-03723:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03724

Comment ID: N-03724
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Brinegar
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers. Please consider expanding East so that we may continue to enjoy all Johnson Valley has to offer.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03724:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03725

Comment ID: N-03725
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03725:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03726

Comment ID: N-03726
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03726:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03727

Comment ID: N-03727
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03727:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03728

Comment ID: N-03728
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Jarchow
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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03728:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03729

Comment ID: N-03729
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Jarchow
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Do not take our PUBLIC land away..

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03729:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03730

Comment ID: N-03730
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03730:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03731

Comment ID: N-03731
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03731:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03732

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03732:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03733

Comment ID: N-03733
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Liam Smith

Response to Comment N-03733:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03734

Comment ID: N-03734
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. Not only will trespassing be a huge risk, but imagine the danger for both civilians and Marines if this happens.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03734:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03735

Comment ID: N-03735
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops and with out them our freedoms wouldn't exist. I've become aware of a huge volume of opposition to the 29 Palms expansion. This opposition is not directed at the Marine Corps, and in no way should it be construed as a lack of support for our troops. Instead this is opposition to the expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area.

The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES I love ridding my dirt bike and getting out to see nature. The JV area is a mecca of off road playgrounds and alse natural beauty. If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-03735:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03736

Comment ID: N-03736
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.People will still use OHV's for recreation weather johnson valley exists or not. Unfortunatly many will feel forced to do so illegaly on public and private land.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03736:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03737

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-03737:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03738

Comment ID: N-03738
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If they loose the Johnson Valley OHV area, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area which should be avoided.

Sincerely,

Mark James

Response to Comment N-03738:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03739

Comment ID: N-03739
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03739:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03740

Comment ID: N-03740
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03740:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03741

Comment ID: N-03741
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Anthony Albano

Response to Comment N-03741:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03742

Comment ID: N-03742
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03742:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03743

Comment ID: N-03743
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. It will also hurt the aftermarket support community as we all pay to play.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Curt Shelstad

Response to Comment N-03743:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03744

Comment ID: N-03744
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area. I've seen this in my own neighborhoods. Lands that were once open to the public were closed. The "renegades" go out and tear up new land, destorying the lands and the areas. The "honest wheelers" are further locked out and restricted with more laws and restrictions placed on the honest folks who have fought hard to protect this land. Please reconsider.

Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03744:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03745

Comment ID: N-03745
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brandon Watson

Response to Comment N-03745:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03746

Comment ID: N-03746
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.
Unfortunately, there are those that are not part of the organized OHV community that would continue to use Johnson Valley as they have for years, but now with additional danger to themselves, as well as being illegal.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03746:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03747

Comment ID: N-03747
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Johnson Valley OHV area is taken over by 29 Palms, it will encourage OHV enthusiasts to find other places to go. With the lack of sufficient space, it may encourage illegal OHV use in the area.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03747:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03748

Comment ID: N-03748
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03748:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-03749

Comment ID: N-03749
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03749:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03750

Comment ID: N-03750
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03750:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03751

Comment ID: N-03751
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

How can this even move forward with such a negative overall impact without doing this.

I strongly urge you to reconsider!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03751:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03752

Comment ID: N-03752
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. With all of the talk of military budget cuts will this land actually be used or will it just sit wasted like much of the FT Irwin expansion. I seems to me that being responsible for additional land would be a liability in a time of shrinking budgets and result in unneeded cuts to other more important on the marine corps budget.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03752:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03753

Comment ID: N-03753
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Padilla
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03753:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03754

Comment ID: N-03754
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

With the current fiscal state of the US goverenment and the DoD I wonder if the Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Would it not be more feasible for the Marines to use existing training facilities like the one at Ft Bliss or Nellis AFB?

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03754:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-03755

Comment ID: N-03755
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03755:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03756

Comment ID: N-03756
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03756:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03757

Comment ID: N-03757
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go EAST. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03757:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03758

Comment ID: N-03758
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03758:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03759

Comment ID: N-03759
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03759:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03760

Comment ID: N-03760
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. Please also consider the financial impact of educating the public that trail use is no longer allowed at Johnson Valley. I believe you will find that it will be cheaper and less of an impact to everyone if 29 Palms was to expand East rather than West

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03760:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03761

Comment ID: N-03761
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for serving our country but we have no budget! The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jessie Polanco

Response to Comment N-03761:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03762

Comment ID: N-03762
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. I believe the expansion will cost far more than predicted as well as wind up laying in waste once realized it's not really necessary and will not be used to the full extent. Please reconsider, reevaluate and move east if the expansion is absolutely needed.

Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03762:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03763

Comment ID: N-03763
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03763:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03764

Comment ID: N-03764
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03764:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03765

Comment ID: N-03765
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Cortney Taylor
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03765:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03766

Comment ID: N-03766
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability. This will likely cost FAR more than originally anticipated, then be nothing but "forgotten lands" at the next budget cut. Please reconsider.

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03766:

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-03767

Comment ID: N-03767
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to thoroughly go over the documents effectively. Please extend the current public comment period.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go EAST Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03767:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03768

Comment ID: N-03768
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Efforts to make the public aware of what is going on and time for everyone to voice their concerns should happen prior to the comment period being closed.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03768:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03769

Comment ID: N-03769
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Trying to reach out to all the ORV enthusiast across the country takes time. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03769:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03770

Comment ID: N-03770
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-03770:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03771

Comment ID: N-03771
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03771:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03772

Comment ID: N-03772
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03772:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03773

Comment ID: N-03773
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03773:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03774

Comment ID: N-03774
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03774:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03775

Comment ID: N-03775
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. I feel that the longer amount of time we have to express our concerns, the more you will see that this is not a good idea. Please expand East instead.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03775:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-03776

Comment ID: N-03776
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Lesley Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03776:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03777

Comment ID: N-03777
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Greg Gunkel
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Greg Gunkel

Response to Comment N-03777:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03778

Comment ID: N-03778
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Caskey
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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops and with out them our freedoms wouldn't exist. I've become aware of a huge volume of opposition to the 29 Palms expansion. This opposition is not directed at the Marine Corps, and in no way should it be construed as a lack of support for our troops. Instead this is opposition to the expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area.

The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES I love ridding my dirt bike and getting out to see nature. The JV area is a mecca of off road playgrounds and alse natural beauty. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-03778:

Thank you for your comment. During the planning process, the Marine Corps determined that the de-designation of wilderness areas was not a viable option. Screening criteria #5 (see Section 2.3.1 of the EIS) states that any alternatives selected would avoid congressionally designated wilderness areas, parks, wildlife refuges, etc. Section 2.4.3 of the EIS describes an action alternative (Alternative 3) that would involve acquisition of land east of the current Combat Center without needing to de-designate wilderness area, and this alternative was carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Comment ID: N-03779

Comment ID: N-03779
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Parks
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03779:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03780

Comment ID: N-03780
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Simons
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to comment on the proposed expansion of the 29 Palms Marine training area into Johnson Valley. I am against this move as it will destroy some of the best off roading on the planet.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Go east, Marines!

Sincerely,

David Simons

Response to Comment N-03780:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-03781

Comment ID: N-03781
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mark James
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To Whom It May Concern:

The public comment time is WAY too short! Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Mark James

Response to Comment N-03781:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03782

Comment ID: N-03782
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. As an out-of-state person, it has been nearly impossible to get my voice heard and to gather info on this heated topic. Don't get me wrong, I FULLY support and back our armed forces and especially the Marines, but in this case, I question whether it is really the "RIGHT" thing to do and if the lands will be truly used as intended, or just expanded, then forgotten about at the next budget cut. Please reconsider and please go East if you do.

Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03782:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Comment ID: N-03783

Comment ID: N-03783
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-03783:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03784:

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Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03785:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03786:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03787:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03788

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03788:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

This whole thing is not fair. You are not giving us enough time to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-03789:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03790

Comment ID: N-03790
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. For example, your desert tortoise section in the DEIS does not address cumulative impacts and mitigation requirements. There needs to be an in-depth study on the effects on the desert tortoise and its environment and also a study done on how much funding this will take. Please extend the current public comment period so many of the items that need to be addressed, become addressed.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03790:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03791

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Those who live far away in other states weren't heard or didn't have a means of communicating their opinions. Please re-evaluate today's need for the expansion considering ALL aspects and ALL involved.

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03791:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03792:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03793:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Royer

Response to Comment N-03794:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03795:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Please reconsider this and look into the real factors and impact this decision will make! I stongly urge that of you!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03796:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03797

Comment ID: N-03797
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03797:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03798

Comment ID: N-03798
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? If such large scale training is still necessary, surely expanding the base to the East is a viable solution that won't have such negative impacts.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03798:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-03799

Comment ID: N-03799
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03799:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03800

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03800:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03801

Comment ID: N-03801
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? I keep reading about talk of downsizing, returning to their roots, and not being a second ground force by the marines. If all or any of this happens there will be no need for an expansion of 29 palms and this will all just have been an unneeded loss of public lands that will sit idle like so much other land on military bases around the country.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03801:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03802

Comment ID: N-03802
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops and with out them our freedoms wouldn't exist. I've become aware of a huge volume of opposition to the 29 Palms expansion. This opposition is not directed at the Marine Corps, and in no way should it be construed as a lack of support for our troops. Instead this is opposition to the expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area.

The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES I love ridding my dirt bike and getting out to see nature. The JV area is a mecca of off road playgrounds and alse natural beauty. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-03802:

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-03803

Comment ID: N-03803
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? I've read in many areas this expansion was based off research from years past and we no longer train this way or move that many troops in areas like this due to ever improving techniques, skills, weaponry, etc. Is this really necessary to expand?

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03803:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03804

Comment ID: N-03804
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-03804:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03805

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03805:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03806

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03806:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03807:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03808

Comment ID: N-03808
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? I believe the way of the world is becoming computer controlled combat and not men.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03808:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03809

Comment ID: N-03809
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03809:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03810

Comment ID: N-03810
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live -ammunition training missions.

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Pleases go EAST. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03810:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-03811

Comment ID: N-03811
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

A small scale highly trained fighting force is the new way of battle. Let the Army train the masses.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03811:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03812

Comment ID: N-03812
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03812:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03813

Comment ID: N-03813
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

For the last 30 years the conflicts that the US has to deal with have all been small scale. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03813:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-03814

Comment ID: N-03814
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

One of the biggest concerns I have with the Marines taking over Johnson Valley is the damage it may cause to the land. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. When something breaks during recreation we have the time to properly clean up after ourselves. I question whether or not this will be true during a training exercise that simulates battle, where there is not time to worry about such things. Johnson Valley is a beautiful place that many people love and cherish as their own, it would pain me to see it spoiled because you were in too much of a hurry to keep it clean.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-03814:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03815

Comment ID: N-03815
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03815:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03816

Comment ID: N-03816
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joe Collins
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middleburg, FL 32068

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all of military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. All responsible wheelers do this. Yes responsible wheelers are the majority. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Joe Collins

Response to Comment N-03816:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03817

Comment ID: N-03817
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03817:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03818

Comment ID: N-03818
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider expanding west into the Johnson Valley area. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-03818:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03819

Comment ID: N-03819
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Robert McMican

Response to Comment N-03819:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03820

Comment ID: N-03820
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03820:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03821

Comment ID: N-03821
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03821:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03822

Comment ID: N-03822
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Haney
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03822:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03823

Comment ID: N-03823
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Being a retired military memeber, I know how the DoD's vehicles can spring a leak. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03823:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03824

Comment ID: N-03824
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Since there is no mention of it, it appears as though no thought has been put into it at all. This seems very counterproductive to everything that we OHVers have been doing over the years to prevent any kind of soil contamination. If soil contamination is such a huge deal to us, and such a big deal to the environmentalists who like to attack us, then surely it should be equally important to the US government. Please address and outline what steps will be taken to insure that our land stays as clean and pure as possible, for our children.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03824:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03825

Comment ID: N-03825
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Martin
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. This needs to be addressed before any movement on the plan can be mades.

Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-03825:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03826

Comment ID: N-03826
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Padilla
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03826:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03827

Comment ID: N-03827
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. Additionally, myself and many others actively participate in land clean-up events throughout the year to preserve the area. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. As off road enthusiasts, we take a lot of pride in minimizing our environmental footprint in the areas that we use. I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great environmental impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please keep public lands open to the public. Go EAST with your training!

Thank you Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03827:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-03828

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not destory our public land..

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03828:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03829

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03829:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03830

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Brandon Watson

Response to Comment N-03830:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please go East. I'd love to take my family here one day...

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03831:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-03832

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03832:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03833:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Greg Gunkel

Response to Comment N-03834:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03835:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03836

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Please consider addressing this as we have worked hard over the years to educate and train Johnson Valley users on the responsibility of clean up after themselves for future generations.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03836:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03837

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Please consider minimizing expansion of the 29 Palms facility.

Sincerely,

Sarah Becher

Response to Comment N-03837:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03838

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. The OHV community is an eco-minded group who know that in order to maintain areas for future use, we must protect them from pollution, misuse, overuse, and now...the expansion of a military base. Please consider all the information being presented to you about this issue.

Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-03838:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03839

Comment ID: N-03839
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. As four wheelers and off-roaders dedicated to our sport and preserving it for the future as well and future generations, part of responsible wheeling is done through environmental cleanup. As wheelers, not only do we take every precaution to keep the area clean, follow TREAD LIGHTLY, handle our own spills and cleanup and carry gear to do so, but we also go out on specific environmental "cleanup" runs in which things like picking up trash, cleaning an area, trail maintenance, etc. are all prime examples of work we do to preserve the land and our sport. Are the Marines planning on preserving any of this land in such manner?

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03839:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03840

Comment ID: N-03840
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-03840:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03841

Comment ID: N-03841
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03841:

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Comment ID: N-03842

Comment ID: N-03842
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03842:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-03843

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03843:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03844

Comment ID: N-03844
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps has excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. For all that will be lost by the expansion into Johnson Valley, it is owed to the multiple use groups involved to consider alternative options with a clear and open mind.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go EAST Marines! THANK YOU!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03844:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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Comment ID: N-03845

Comment ID: N-03845
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Alternative training grounds should be investigated as to whether or not the could be economically viable options.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03845:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03846

Comment ID: N-03846
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Instead of expanding 29 Palms Marine Base, it makes far more sense to train using the un-used time and locations already available at Fort Irwin. That base was expanded years ago and has not been used nearly to its potential. Do not ignore the fact that the funding saved by taking the Ft Irwin option is the RIGHT THING TO DO. Do not make false assumptions that Ft Irwin could not be used to properly gain the extra training the current missions of the US Marine Corps needs. Marines can get what they need at Fort Irwin, doing so at a far smaller cost, far smaller infrastructure commitment, and utilize lands that are fully under-used, versus taking away lands used for recreation and tourism in the area surrounding Johnson Valley.
Please, do not expand the 29 Palms Marine Base into Johnson Valley!

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-03846:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03847

Comment ID: N-03847
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03847:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03848

Comment ID: N-03848
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03848:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03849

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03849:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03850

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03850:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Based on the claims that these large scale training opperations will only happen twice a year is seems hard to believe that they cannot be fit into the schedule at existing large military bases

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03851:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03852:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03853:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03854:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03855

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Like all Americans, the Corps should first use what it has instead of consuming additional public resources.

Sincerely,

Max Barker

Response to Comment N-03855:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03856

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated. Please re-evaluate today's need with today's modern equipment and number of troops used. Is the expansion really necessary??? Please go East instead.

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03856:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03857

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03857:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03858

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps excluded the use of Fort Irwin based on false assumptions that scheduling conflicts, current infrastructure deficiencies, and other administrative hurdles cannot be mitigated.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03858:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-03859

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

All groups that are affected by this proposal should be made aware of the potential loss of their ability to use Johnson Valley.
Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03859:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03860

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. This land is the peoples public land. Everyone should have an input and enough time should be given to notify everyone of your plans.

Sincerely
Ben Davidson

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-03860:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03861

Comment ID: N-03861
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time given to us to oppose this expansion is not enough. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03861:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03862

Comment ID: N-03862
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Haney
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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03862:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03863

Comment ID: N-03863
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03863:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03864

Comment ID: N-03864
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03864:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Robert McMican

Response to Comment N-03865:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03866

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups. I feel you're doing a disservice to the general public by not letting them know that they are about to lose a huge piece of land that was once theirs. Not only OHVers use the land, and if this passes, everyone else who used to use the land will show up one day to find that it's no longer theirs.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03866:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03867

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please reconsider expanding into the Johnson Valley area. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-03867:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03868

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McCarthy
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03868:

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Sincerely,

Joe Collins

Response to Comment N-03869:

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Comment ID: N-03870

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-03870:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03871:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03872:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03873:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-03874

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Greg Gunkel

Response to Comment N-03874:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03875:

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Comment ID: N-03876

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

J. Taylor

Response to Comment N-03876:

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-03877:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

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I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03878:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Why was Central Park in New York created? Because people need a place to get away from the city. Johnson Valley is our place to get away from the madness of the city.

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Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-03879:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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Been following this for a while. I really hope the sheer volume of letters sent speaks greatly and has a large influence on the Marines decision to move EAST instead, keeping public lands open for the public.

Thank you and Go Marines!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03880:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Folks visit here for all reasons and many different means of recreating. Please go East instead.

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03881:

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Comment ID: N-03882

Comment ID: N-03882
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Jarchow
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is public land used by many. Please do not take this away form all.

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Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03882:

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Comment ID: N-03883

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Taylor
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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03883:

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Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc.

All of these groups need to be made aware of the proposed changes and given the chance to add their input on the base expansion. To the best of my knowledge, 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to the full diversity of user groups who access Johnson Valley.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go East!

Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03884:

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Comment ID: N-03885

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

The expanse of 29 Palms into the ORV Park is going to affect more than just us Jeepers and 4x4 users. Virtually anyone who travels down a dirt route is considered driving an OHV. This means people driving in RV's and people in normal two wheel drive cars. Therefore many groups of people that may use Johnson Valley such as hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. need to be made aware and given the chance to input on the base expansion. 29 Palms has not made the effort to reach out to all these different user groups.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03885:

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I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03886:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03887:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03888

Comment ID: N-03888
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Beyond the typically defined OHV user, there are many other groups of people that access Johnson Valley - hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be affected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go EAST Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03888:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-03889

Comment ID: N-03889
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. If people feel that their needs and culture are better met somewhere else they will move. This could potentially have an impact on the population and business that are in the area, as well as moving tax revenue from the companies that use Johnson Valley as product testing grounds to other locations.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03889:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-03890

Comment ID: N-03890
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Surely it's worth taking a look a the Wilderness area to the East again.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03890:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03891:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03892

Comment ID: N-03892
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03892:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03893

Comment ID: N-03893
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03893:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03894

Comment ID: N-03894
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Pad
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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Johnson Valley is a place where me and my family go to enjoy the fruits of out labor. Every couple of months, we head out to the lake bed to meet up with our friends in the desert to forget the every day grind and enjoy our free time from working so hard. There is no place more sacred to our family as Johnson Valley. This place is unique like none other. We have been all around California and this has become our home away from home. If this expansion takes place and we loose this place, we truthfully, will not have a home to go to. Sure we will still go camping and what not, but it will NOT be the same. Instead of going out with my buddys, out to the bars, to the race track, or even sit on the couch and watch sports, I work on my 4 wheeler with my kids, my wife participates and if she ever needs to know where I am, all she has to do is look outside and see my feet (toes up) in the backyard working on my buggy. The ONLY place to really enjoy this sport is, wheeling in Johnson Valley. Please take into consideration what you will be taking from us.

Sincerely,

Kevin Pad

Response to Comment N-03894:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03895

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. These activities were my favorite as a child and I can not imagine how my life would be without these experiences. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. We have no where else to go, but it appears that you have other options. Please reconsider your expansion into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03895:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03896

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-03896:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03897

Comment ID: N-03897
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. Johnson Valley is the premier destination spot for such activities, in addition to wheeling. It is the dedicated location for King of the Hammers-the largest off-road race in the world that draws racers and spectators from all over the world-literally. Please keep this public land open to the public. This area has a much larger focus world wide than just the eyes of California.

Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03897:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03898

Comment ID: N-03898
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with it such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03898:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03899

Comment ID: N-03899
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03899:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03900

Comment ID: N-03900
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. There aren't any areas accessible to us currently that offer the immense possibilities for activities that Johnson Valley does. Closing this area would be a very sad day for our OHV community. Please consider removing Johnson Valley from your expansion plan.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03900:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03901

Comment ID: N-03901
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03901:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03902

Comment ID: N-03902
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brad Munchel

Response to Comment N-03902:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03903

Comment ID: N-03903
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture. So many reasons folks visit this area, many for generations and many more for generations to come. Please re-evaluate the need to expand and if you do, go EAST instead.

Thank you!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03903:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03904:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03905

Comment ID: N-03905
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Royer

Response to Comment N-03905:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03906

Comment ID: N-03906
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV use and the activities that go with is such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be effected by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. This will greatly affect the quality of life in Southern California where these activities are a big part of the culture.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03906:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03907

Comment ID: N-03907
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

This is a family past time for many. Do not take this away from all.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03907:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03908

Comment ID: N-03908
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. Along with the other multiple uses, it is THE Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The King of the Hammers race has made Johnson Valley a household name throughout the world. I doubt that the USMC realizes the full importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture" that it entails.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go EAST Marines!!!

Thank You!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03908:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-03909

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

There is a huge concentration of OHV enthusiasts in the southern California area. Their "Mecca" for off-roading happens to be Johnson Valley. As so many off road areas have been closed in the past few decades, those enthusiasts have so few choices for their activities that the encroachment of the 29 Palms Marine Base into the area will not only devastate their culture, but will end up encouraging a sizable number of them to off-road on closed or protected lands. I would not be surprised if a decent number of them end up on the expanded portion of the base. The simple mention of SHARING of these lands by Marines and OHV is a complete joke...this will not be feasible financially, time-wise, or safety-wise due to unexploded ordinance and a number of other factors. The simple truth is, the loss of recreation lands in this case is unacceptable and will create numerous bad situations that will affect the OHV community, the residential and business communities around Johnson Valley, and ultimately create less-than-safe situations on and around the base itself.

DO NOT expand the 29 Palms Marine Base into Johnson Valley!

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-03909:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-03910

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03910:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03911

Comment ID: N-03911
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

JV is an awesome place to go. Please don't take it away from us.

Sincerely,

Kenton matchell

Response to Comment N-03911:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03912

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03912:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03913

Comment ID: N-03913
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". I would suggest that some of the people who are involved in this decision to go spend some time with off roaders and see exactly how large the sport is, how good the people are, and how important this area is to us.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03913:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03914

Comment ID: N-03914
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-03914:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03915

Comment ID: N-03915
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

After doing my best to read the EIS in the very short amount of time given, I've noticed a major omission when it comes to the planned expansion on a culturally significant item.

There is a huge concentration of OHV enthusiasts in the southern California area. Their "Mecca" for off-roading happens to be Johnson Valley. As so many off road areas have been closed in the past few decades, those enthusiasts have so few choices for their activities that the closure of any portion of Johnson Valley will devastate their culture.

With over 40 million OHV users in the United States of America, and the continued closure of public lands to the responsible use of OHV user, the loss of recreation lands in this case is unacceptable and will create numerous bad situations that will affect the OHV community, the residential and business communities around Johnson Valley, and ultimately create less-than-safe situations on and around the base itself.

DO NOT expand the 29 Palms Marine Base into Johnson Valley! If you must expand, expand East.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-03915:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03916

Comment ID: N-03916
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

The EIS does not note the impact to the OHV culture. For many of us, rockcrawling and desert racing is a way to connect with our friends and families, to escape the stress of work, to escape the pandemonium of city life, and to reflect on life itself.

The EIS must be revised to consider the impact on the OHV culture.

Sincerely,

Heather McMurray

Response to Comment N-03916:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03917

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Orion Penniman

Response to Comment N-03917:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03918

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to start this letter by thanking you for taking the time to read all of these. I really hope you take into consideration how important Johnson Valley is to us. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-03918:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03919

Comment ID: N-03919
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Andrew Klemme
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Sincerely,

Andrew Klemme

Response to Comment N-03919:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03920

Comment ID: N-03920
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Lesley Smith
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03920:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03921

Comment ID: N-03921
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops and with out them our freedoms wouldn't exist. I've become aware of a huge volume of opposition to the 29 Palms expansion. This opposition is not directed at the Marine Corps, and in no way should it be construed as a lack of support for our troops. Instead this is opposition to the expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area.

The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES I love ridding my dirt bike and getting out to see nature. The JV area is a mecca of off road playgrounds and alse natural beauty. Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-03921:

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03922

Comment ID: N-03922
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Scott Magness
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Sincerely,

Scott Magness

Response to Comment N-03922:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03923

Comment ID: N-03923
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Debra Magness

Response to Comment N-03923:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03924

Comment ID: N-03924
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Miss. Lesley Smith
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Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03924:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03925

Comment ID: N-03925
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Padilla
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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". My family and I very frequently visit Johnson Valley exclusively. We venture off to other parts of California, but Johnson Valley is a place we hold dear to our hearts. We gather with many others in this area because there is nothing like it here in California and in other states for that matter. It is unique and I really dont know where we would go if it were taken from us. I work very hard and camping in Johnson Valley keeps the life balance within our family. Our kids are growing up here and already are looking forward to offroading when they become old enough. They pretend with their rock crawler remote control cars that they are on "sledgehammer" and "jackhammer" like their dad does. It would be a real shame if they were (among MANY children) told that they could never play on these trails when they get older. It simply amazes me that you can grow so close to a place for the government to take it away from us since it is ONE OF A KIND. In reality, if this were just another lakebed like a lot of others in California, it wouldn't be so dissapointing because it will leave so many of us with nowhere to go. I really hope these letters are read and not just counted so those will know what we will be losing. Thank you,

Kevin Padilla

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-03925:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03926

Comment ID: N-03926
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Ronald Adkins
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Sincerely,

Ronald Adkins

Response to Comment N-03926:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03927

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03927:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03928

Comment ID: N-03928
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mikusky
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Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-03928:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-03929:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03930

Comment ID: N-03930
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03930:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03931

Comment ID: N-03931
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03931:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03932

Comment ID: N-03932
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Barbara Sherburne
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Sincerely,

Barbara Sherburne

Response to Comment N-03932:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03933

Comment ID: N-03933
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Evelyn Smith
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Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". A culture that values it's environmental surroundings and teaches future generations about those values. Please consider expanding to other areas and not into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03933:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03934

Comment ID: N-03934
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-03934:

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Comment ID: N-03935

Comment ID: N-03935
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rod Polomski

Response to Comment N-03935:

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Comment ID: N-03936

Comment ID: N-03936
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-03936:

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Comment ID: N-03937

Comment ID: N-03937
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Aaron Bush
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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03937:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03938

Comment ID: N-03938
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture". Please consider the taxpayers who use this area when making a decision of where to expand. I strongly urge the USMC and US Government to consider a different location to expand the training area.

Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-03938:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03939

Comment ID: N-03939
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dylan Lipscomb

Response to Comment N-03939:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-03940
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03940:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03941

Comment ID: N-03941
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Max Barker

Response to Comment N-03941:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03942

Comment ID: N-03942
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-03942:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03943

Comment ID: N-03943
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Curt Shelstad

Response to Comment N-03943:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03944

Comment ID: N-03944
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03944:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03945

Comment ID: N-03945
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Gomes

Response to Comment N-03945:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03946

Comment ID: N-03946
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for serving our country but I want to race KOH! Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off-roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

Sincerely,

Jessie Polanco

Response to Comment N-03946:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03947

Comment ID: N-03947
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Gregory Eyrich

Response to Comment N-03947:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03948

Comment ID: N-03948
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Paul Bourassa

Response to Comment N-03948:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03949

Comment ID: N-03949
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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In addition, there is an entire economy of Jeep upgrades and parts that are tested at JV, and all those companies that make them serve the offroad world.

Sincerely,

Greg Kulosa

Response to Comment N-03949:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-03950

Comment ID: N-03950
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-03950:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03951

Comment ID: N-03951
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03951:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03952

Comment ID: N-03952
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03952:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03953

Comment ID: N-03953
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. John Foli
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I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03953:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03954

Comment ID: N-03954
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03954:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03955

Comment ID: N-03955
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a retired Veteran I support the Marine Corp, but given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03955:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03956

Comment ID: N-03956
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03956:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03957

Comment ID: N-03957
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Martin
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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. There are MANY other options and I believe that the marines are taking the EASY road which runs right over the public land users and citizens of this country.

Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-03957:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03958

Comment ID: N-03958
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-03958:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03959

Comment ID: N-03959
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. It is simply unnessisary to expand 29 palms at this time when it is quite likely not needed and there are other options for training the troops

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03959:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03960

Comment ID: N-03960
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03960:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03961

Comment ID: N-03961
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mikusky
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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-03961:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03962

Comment ID: N-03962
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-03962:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03963

Comment ID: N-03963
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Aaron Bush
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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03963:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03964

Comment ID: N-03964
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-03964:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03965

Comment ID: N-03965
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03965:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03966

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. Please give strong consideration to Alternative A.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03966:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

How about one the Marine Corp thinks about being a good neighbor?

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-03967:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03968

Comment ID: N-03968
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn. Please consider all viable options before considering expanding the 29 Palms facility.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-03968:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03969

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03969:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03970

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-03970:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03971

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Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03971:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03972

Comment ID: N-03972
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Given the Alternatives presented, I strongly support only Alternative A. Given the fatal flaws in the analysis, the public objection to the project and the national economic crisis I believe the base expansion as proposed in the DEIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Megan Little

Response to Comment N-03972:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03973

Comment ID: N-03973
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Comparatively, there is a greater percentage of OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. This makes the OHV enthusiast a culture to be recognized. For tens of thousands of people like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Go EAST. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03973:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-03974

Comment ID: N-03974
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03974:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03975

Comment ID: N-03975
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-03975:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03976

Comment ID: N-03976
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-03976:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03977

Comment ID: N-03977
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jim Benton

Response to Comment N-03977:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03978

Comment ID: N-03978
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Martin
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Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-03978:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03979

Comment ID: N-03979
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Andrew Klemme

Response to Comment N-03979:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03980

Comment ID: N-03980
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03980:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03981

Comment ID: N-03981
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-03981:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03982

Comment ID: N-03982
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-03982:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03983

Comment ID: N-03983
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-03983:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03984

Comment ID: N-03984
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Christian Lee
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To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sirs,

I am greatly saddened by the proposed closure of the Johnson Valley OHV area and expansion of the Marine base. I have been recreating here with my family since the 1970s and have many fond memories of camping, riding motorcycles, and driving 4x4s here. I have also watched the surrounding communities thrive as a result of the many OHV users passing through who have helped boost these local economies. Any action toward closure would greatly affect all of these communities and OHV users alike.

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Even partial closure of the area would be devastating as OHV users have little space left to recreate. So much has been taken from the OHV community that we are only left with small strips of land that quickly become overcrowded because there is nowhere else to go. We have been constantly pushed around by environmentalists and proponents of land closure for OHV use that any land lost today is land lost forever. Johnson Valley is the last bastion for OHV users. It's the last stand. It's all we have left. Please, please take heed and do not take more. I support the military and the brave Americans who stand up to serve our country. I support the Marines. I do not support this proposed closure of Johnson Valley OHV.

Thank you for your time. Semper fidelis.

Best regards,

Christian Lee
Tech Editor
4Wheel Drive Magazine

Sincerely,

Christian Lee

Response to Comment N-03984:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-03985

Comment ID: N-03985
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-03985:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03986

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-03986:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03987

Comment ID: N-03987
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Bobby Morley
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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-03987:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03988

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-03988:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03989

Comment ID: N-03989
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would appreciate changes in the EIS that address the impact of the OHV culture on the expansion of Twentynine Palms to the west. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It also gives me the ability to access areas that would be hard to get to for camping and hiking purposes. If you will not address this in your EIS, I implore you to move in another direction (expand East?)

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-03989:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03990

Comment ID: N-03990
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please do not take Family time away from many, as this is the way that my family loves to connect.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-03990:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03991

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-03991:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-03992

Comment ID: N-03992
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03992:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-03993
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

United the OHV group is a fun loving group of people that want to help the environment and keep peace. Percentage-wise, there are more OHV users in the United States than there are of many minority groups. For many like minded OHV enthusiasts like me, four wheeling is a way to express ourselves, connect with family and friends, get away from life's problems and work through personal issues. It has developed into a culture in itself. This needs to be addressed in the EIS, as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03993:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kaylee Little

Response to Comment N-03994:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-03995:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many local businesses depend on the OHV traffice. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-03996:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-03997

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Beverly Folena
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. OHV brings in $1000.00's of dollars every year to the surrounding area, I do not think that the marines could replace that.

Beverly Folena

Sincerely,

Beverly Folena

Response to Comment N-03997:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-03998

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Matt Haney

Response to Comment N-03998:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-03999:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04000

Comment ID: N-04000
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Cathy Dalgleish
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Cathy Dalgleish

Response to Comment N-04000:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04001

Comment ID: N-04001
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-04001:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04002

Comment ID: N-04002
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Heather Naong
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop and reconsider expanding west into the Johnson Valley area. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-04002:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04003

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Robert McMican

Response to Comment N-04003:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04004

Comment ID: N-04004
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McCarthy
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-04004:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04005

Comment ID: N-04005
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Brian Martin
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Mesa, AZ 85207

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. They depend on us 4 wheelers to spend money a their place of business. We have been doing for many years and the businesses have built around that stable base of income.

Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-04005:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04006

Comment ID: N-04006
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Hazel
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. With the economy in the shape that it's in now, I would hope that our government would see the folly in doing something that would harm the entire economy of a community. Please expand East.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-04006:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-04007

Comment ID: N-04007
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Liam Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Liam Smith

Response to Comment N-04007:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04008

Comment ID: N-04008
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Starr Penniman
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Davis, CA 95616

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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not expand into Johnson Valley. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Please go East and spare the local economy and the Four Wheel and OHV communities as well as the thousands that come to hike and camp in Johnson Valley as well.

Sincerely,

Starr Penniman

Response to Comment N-04008:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-04009

Comment ID: N-04009
Date Received: May 26, 2011

Mr. Joe Collins
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middleburg, FL 32068

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Not to mention devastate the area that responsible recreationalists enjoy.

Sincerely,

Joe Collins

Response to Comment N-04009:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04010

Comment ID: N-04010
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. One aspect of any EIS is an evaluation of the fairness of the action and the equality of sacrifice if any to the community. Johnson Valley is an area utilized by countless user groups, but is the only place within hundreds of miles that offers the size and variety of terrain to OHV users that Johnson Valley does.

Expansion west will unduly impact the OHV community and its users. The EIS fails to address the fairness of this taking, especially when other options are available that wouldn't unduly burden one user group. If expansion is necessary, the best option is to Go East. This expansion will leave open to the public a long and often utilized area that is open to all user groups.

Go East Marines.

Sincerely,

Starr Penniman

Response to Comment N-04010:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-04011

Comment ID: N-04011
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Padilla
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. When our family and club visits Johnson Valley (at least once a month), we make it a point to support the local community. I have spoken to many of the people in our ventures to Johnson Valley about this issue and they are sincerely scared. We purchase fuel, buy groceries, breakfasts, dinners, auto parts etc. etc. etc. They are very aware and dependent on the off road community that visits Johnson Valley. Since the economy hit its low, they have seen less of us and to think that they are potentially going to loose us coming through their town frightens them for it will be a severe blow to their income. Please consider the people who have built businesses which include our revenue in their business plan. Thank you,

Kevin Padilla

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-04011:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04012

Comment ID: N-04012
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matt Caskey
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1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I support our troops and with out them our freedoms wouldn't exist. I've become aware of a huge volume of opposition to the 29 Palms expansion. This opposition is not directed at the Marine Corps, and in no way should it be construed as a lack of support for our troops. Instead this is opposition to the expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area.

The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES I love ridding my dirt bike and getting out to see nature. The JV area is a mecca of off road playgrounds and alse natural beauty. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Matt Caskey

Response to Comment N-04012:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-04013

Comment ID: N-04013
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. OHV enthusiasts provide a mush need revenue source for the local communities of Lucern valley, Johnson Valley, Yucca Valley, and numerous others. Additionally there are many other local and nationwide businesses that provide vehicles, parts and service that would be affected by the loss of Johnson Valley OHV area

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-04013:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04014

Comment ID: N-04014
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Daniel Parks
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-04014:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04015

Comment ID: N-04015
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Kevin Mikusky
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-04015:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04016

Comment ID: N-04016
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-04016:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04017

Comment ID: N-04017
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Lesley Smith
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Having an RV and traveling to that area with my step-children, I can't imagine the devastation this will have on the local community. The loss of revenue will be hard on an area that thrives off of the OHV community. Please consider the local economy and do not expand into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-04017:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04018

Comment ID: N-04018
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Cortney Taylor
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-04018:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04019

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Rod Polomski
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Rod Polomski

Response to Comment N-04019:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04020

Comment ID: N-04020
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Joshua Taylor
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-04020:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04021

Comment ID: N-04021
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Having frequently traveled this area, I was astonished to learn that this expansion was moving forward. To take a microeconomic area and nearly wipe it out of existence seems unnecessary as I understand there are other options for expansion. Please reconsider this plan and look for alternatives.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-04021:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. A lot of the local economy in Johnson Valley is supported by the OHV community. Please consider expanding East so that OHV enthusiasts may continue to enjoy their hobby and also support the local economy. I truly believe that this would be the best compromise and have the least amount of impact to everyone.

Sincerely,

Sarah Becher

Response to Comment N-04022:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Greg Gunkel

Response to Comment N-04023:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. This area thrives on the off-road community's support and the money we bring to the businesses and local government. If you expand to Johnson Valley the people who depend on our dollars to survive will be forced to move, close businesses, and put further burden on our already broke government welfare system if they cannot find new jobs.

Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-04024:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04025

Comment ID: N-04025
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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Rachel Bush

Response to Comment N-04025:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04026

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Dylan Lipscomb

Response to Comment N-04026:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04027

Comment ID: N-04027
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-04027:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04028

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-04028:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04029

Comment ID: N-04029
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-04029:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04030

Comment ID: N-04030
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Our country can not afford this expansion! If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Lisette Polanco

Response to Comment N-04030:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04031

Comment ID: N-04031
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-04031:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04032

Comment ID: N-04032
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Ft Bliss has Shared use..it's a road that you can take to the mountains when the Army isn't using it, that's about it. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-04032:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04033

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley is not a self contained area cut off from the rest of the world. It's a beautiful and wonderful place, but it contains no services of it's own. When people come to Johnson Valley they need to bring supplies. These supplies are usually purchased in the surrounding towns. Food, Water, Gas, Auto parts, repair services, even hotels all get a lot of business from people having fun in Johnson Valley. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Lets face it, we're talking about small cities in the desert without a lot of industry. Johnson Valley and the tourism that it attracts from all over the country brings a very significant amount of money into the area, and closing it would be a huge disservice to the people living in the area, people who are not only neighbors of JV, but your neighbors as well.

Sincerely,

Amber Cisneros

Response to Comment N-04033:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04034

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Paul Bourassa

Response to Comment N-04034:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04035

Comment ID: N-04035
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Mike Mundinger
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To Whom It May Concern:

" If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Every time I go to Johnson Valley, I fuel up main and aux. fuel tanks, and buy all of the food and supplies I need for the weekend - either in Yucca Valley or Apple Valley. I know that this is true with THOUSANDS of other people travelling out to Johnson Valley every year, including active duty and retired Marines. Closing Johnson Valley to the public (even if there is a little piece left open) will have a devastating impact on local economy - especially with people spending more and more as time goes by due to rock crawling and rock racing becoming 'popular' and more mainstream. Thank you for regarding the impact that closing Johnson Valley will have on the area's economy and considering alternative areas to use for training."

The above is something I have quoted from an on-line site. I have never been to JV but have wanted to go for some time. I live out of state, was currently just put on medical leave due to work-related lung conditions, and now may be losing my job of the last 14 years as a result. Consequently, at the same time, I am seeing this discussion on the recent planned expansion of JV by the Marines at 29 Palms. I find myself sitting here now on a breathing machine at the computer copying and pasting notes and discussion topics fighting for a cause of which I believe firmly about-in land use and keeping public lands open for the public, yet at the same time, have to stand up to the core of who has helped provide those public lands and the freedom I enjoy today through the work they do each and every day. I Thank the Marines from the bottom of my heart for what they do. Don't get me wrong-I'm not at all about to put them down, not in the least. I'm very proud of our armed forces and especially the Marines. Instead, I ask on this troubled issue that they move EAST instead. Doing so would open up PLENTY of new training ground to keep the Marines in top fighting condition trained to handle various terrain such as what is seen in the middle east, yet at the same time, keep Johnson Vally open to the public. I hope that one day God willing, I am able to make the trip myself to visit and wheel Johnson Valley. Please go East instead, keep the public lands open for the public. It would be a win-win for all involved.

Thank you for your time, and THANK YOU for your service!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04035:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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Comment ID: N-04036

Comment ID: N-04036
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy.

Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-04036:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04037

Comment ID: N-04037
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The local economy should be considered with this expansion proposal. If the Marines were to expand 29 Palms West into Johnson Valley, it would completely crush the local economy. Thousands of people gather to use this area every year that would no longer travel to the area and their spending money would go somewhere else.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-04037:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04038

Comment ID: N-04038
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Keep our family's together with camping.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-04038:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04039

Comment ID: N-04039
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Johnson Valley has been a recreational area since it opened in the early 80's. Generations of families have come to Johnson Valley to spend time together doing the things that they love - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, etc. All of these activities as well as those that go with them such as camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting etc. will all be ended by the expansion of 29 Palms to the West. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please go EAST Marines!!!

Thank You!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04039:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-04040

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. To have an area that family activities can take place in is irreplaceable, and the effect this can potentially have could be devastating.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-04040:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04041

Comment ID: N-04041
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

John Dalgleish

Response to Comment N-04041:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04042

Comment ID: N-04042
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Derek Murphy

Response to Comment N-04042:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04043

Comment ID: N-04043
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. Not only will these families no longer have a place to recreate, it will even further the divide between civilians and the government, due to resentment.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-04043:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04044

Comment ID: N-04044
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-04044:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04045

Comment ID: N-04045
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. This hits the nail directly on the head for my family. As I try to spend as much time as possible with my family at home, life gets in the way. We all look forward to taking off in the motorhome and wheeling in Johnson Valley. The kids for some reason, as well as I, feel no need to do anything else except for "enjoy" each other while in the desert. Once we found Johnson Valley, we never looked back. There is so much for us to enjoy together there and no other way to re-create it. It is almost like Johnson Valley "pulls" us together in some special way. Please consider mine, and many other families well being when the day comes for you to make your decision.

Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-04045:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04046

Comment ID: N-04046
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families (such as mine!) have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. My step-children benefit greatly from the use of public lands, including Johnson Valley. Our options are shrinking with our public lands no longer being public. Please reconsider your expansion into Johnson Valley and look towards other viable alternatives.

Sincerely,

Lesley Smith

Response to Comment N-04046:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-04047

Comment ID: N-04047
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Please do not take this away from these family oriented Americans. Please expand the Marine base to the east rather than into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

David Simons

Response to Comment N-04047:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04048:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-04049:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04050

Comment ID: N-04050
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-04050:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04051

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-04051:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04052

Comment ID: N-04052
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many generations of families (including mine) have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games. My daughters learned the constellations, basic survival skills and how to drive in Johnson Valley. Closing this off to future generations would be a determent to society. Please consider taking Johnson Valley off your list for expansion.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-04052:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04053

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-04053:

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Comment ID: N-04054

Comment ID: N-04054
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brad Munchel

Response to Comment N-04054:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04055

Comment ID: N-04055
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-04055:

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Comment ID: N-04056

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-04056:

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Comment ID: N-04057

Comment ID: N-04057
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-04057:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04058

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Thanks,

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04058:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04059

Comment ID: N-04059
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for serving our country but what about family activities! Many generations of families have recreated in Johnson Valley since it opened in the early 80's. In a time when many families do not "connect" as well as they used to, Johnson Valley is a "family orientated" area that is used by many people to reconnect and get away from urban sprawl, cell phones, televisions and video games.

Sincerely,

Jessie Polanco

Response to Comment N-04059:

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Comment ID: N-04060

Comment ID: N-04060
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Rob Campbell
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Sincerely,

Rob Campbell

Response to Comment N-04060:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04061

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-04061:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04062

Comment ID: N-04062
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-04062:

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Comment ID: N-04063

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. The military is not known for reasonable expansion in areas that are truly needed. While I support our military and have many friends/relatives serving currently, the actual need for this expansion has not been substantiated.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-04063:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04064

Comment ID: N-04064
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely
Ben Davidson

Sincerely,

ben davidson

Response to Comment N-04064:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04065

Comment ID: N-04065
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Do the Marines really need another training area? Can't they use the ones they have or even utilize other brances like Ft Bliss in Texas or the Range near Nellis? The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-04065:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-04066

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Sincerely,

Matt Haney

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Comment ID: N-04067

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Sincerely,

David De Anda

Response to Comment N-04067:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04068

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Sincerely,

Robert McMican

Response to Comment N-04068:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04069

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Sincerely,

Heather Naong

Response to Comment N-04069:

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Comment ID: N-04070

Comment ID: N-04070
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-04070:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Most engagements occur on a much smaller scale. The DOD itself is changing its focus to smaller engagements

Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-04071:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Padilla

Response to Comment N-04072:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Greg Gunkel

Response to Comment N-04073:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Parks

Response to Comment N-04074:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Numerous documents have come to light that refer to plans by the marines to downsize and NOT be in a position where they have 20,000 troops on the ground. Why train for something that is not going to happen.

Sincerely,

andrew marshall

Response to Comment N-04075:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-04076:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Aaron McDougal

Response to Comment N-04077:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Joshua Taylor

Response to Comment N-04078:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04079

Comment ID: N-04079
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd first like to thank you for your time to read my letter. It may seem odd coming from someone in VA, but the outdoor community extends far beyond the boundaries of home for most people. I have never had the please of experiencing your wonderful state's resources, but it is a realistic accomplishment for me and my family. Unfortunately, the outlets for enjoying the off road sport of which I am so passionate are dwindling due to political decisions which seem to be made all too carelessly.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

I urge you to reconsider your options! Thank you for your time and God Bless the USA!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-04079:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Bobby Morley

Response to Comment N-04080:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-04081:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04082

Comment ID: N-04082
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Several years ago, the Army's Ft Irwin also expanded in size.

Since then, because of lack of funding to complete additional studies and to expand infrastructure, only one section of the area to Ft. Irwin that was added is currently in use by the Army. Areas that they considered "critical" for their training, especially to the South are NOT in use.

It is also important to note, that this lack of funding for the Army at Ft. Irwin is during OEF when the military is receiving a lot of funding.

In a post OEF world, the Marine Corps, with even less funding than it has had in the past will run into the same issues with 29 Palms. The DEIS does not address this issue. If the land is annexed by the Marines, much of it will be able to be put into use because of lack of funding.

The DEIS needs to either be completely thrown out, or this issue needs to be added into the DEIS and addressed.

If you move at all, please go EAST instead.

Thanks

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04082:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live -ammunition training missions, mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops. Even if this IS the case, there is more room for them to train if 29 Palms expands to the East instead.

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Go EAST

Thanks Marines!!!

MIke

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04083:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04084

Comment ID: N-04084
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-04084:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04085

Comment ID: N-04085
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

james blackburn

Response to Comment N-04085:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04086

Comment ID: N-04086
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe the Marines could use existing training facilities like the facilities Around Nellis and the area near White Sands/Fort Bliss and Holloman AFB. The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-04086:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-04087

Comment ID: N-04087
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Justify Need for 1990s-era Simultaneous Training of 3 MEBs. In today's world, we do not need to train for the movement of this many troops.

I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-04087:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04088

Comment ID: N-04088
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Daniel Keller

Response to Comment N-04088:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04089

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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I strongly urge you to reconsider! It may seen odd being that I live so far away, but the off road community is one that I am actively involved in. One that I support GLOBALLY! God Bless the U.S.A.!!

Sincerely,

John Foli

Response to Comment N-04089:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04090

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep this land safe for all future generations.

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Michael Jarchow

Response to Comment N-04090:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04091

Comment ID: N-04091
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan McCarthy

Response to Comment N-04091:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04092

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. This option is a smoke screen and completely dishonest. As soon as the military would take control, the area would be shutoff forever siting saftey concerns. This reeks of political BS!

Sincerely,

Brian Martin

Response to Comment N-04092:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04093

Comment ID: N-04093
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

First of all, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read these letters. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. I feel that shared use is a pipe dream, and mainly just lip service. The logistics and costs involved to make the area even remotely safe for the public will undoubtedly be so high that the "shared" part of shared use will more than likely never happen.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hazel

Response to Comment N-04093:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04094

Comment ID: N-04094
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please seriously consider expanding the 29 Palms Marine base to the east.

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Nobody is being fooled by this.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Simons

Response to Comment N-04094:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-04095

Comment ID: N-04095
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Let us keep our Off Road environment without infringement!

Sincerely,

Jean Kossarides

Response to Comment N-04095:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04096

Comment ID: N-04096
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Kevin Mikusky

Response to Comment N-04096:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04097

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

wade branum

Response to Comment N-04097:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04098

Comment ID: N-04098
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-04098:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04099

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bush

Response to Comment N-04099:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04100

Comment ID: N-04100
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Keeping johnson valley open is a vital part to the out door community the military is not going to keep it open and it will be polluted with there test. My business is based on people that use there rigs hard and Johnson Valley is the place to do it. By shutting it down the economy will be hurt and so will the outdoor community.

Sincerely,

Seth Johnson

Response to Comment N-04100:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

Comment ID: N-04101

Comment ID: N-04101
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04101:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04102

Comment ID: N-04102
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for serving our country but please look elsewhere for land. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Jessie Polanco

Response to Comment N-04102:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04103

Comment ID: N-04103
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. Please reconsider your expansion into Johnson Valley and explore other opportunities.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-04103:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04104

Comment ID: N-04104
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even if we do share the JV with the Marines there are chances of it not working out.

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Luz Nixon

Response to Comment N-04104:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04105

Comment ID: N-04105
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public. Please consider expanding East so that we may continue off-roading at Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brinegar

Response to Comment N-04105:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

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Comment ID: N-04106
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

It's seems Ft. Irwin, which is the Army's National training Center went through an expansion simular to 29 Palms.

Ft. Irwin was 642,000 acres in size. An additional 150,510 acres was added for a grand total 792,510 acres.

29 Palms is currently 596,480 acres, and wants to expand by 422,000 acres for a grand total of 1,018,480 acres.

If a second Land Army is not desired, then why does the USMC need a 25% BIGGER training area than our actual Land Army?! The EIS fails to provide any justification.

Sincerely,

Tyler McMurray

Response to Comment N-04106 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

Comment ID: N-04106 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-04106 (Page 2 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04107

Comment ID: N-04107
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The EIS fails to answer a fairly large issue. 29 Palms is not a viable training area for today's Marines:

The USMC is to no longer be a second land army; Gen. Amos' goal is to get back to (our) amphibious roots, we've got to – and then all of a sudden people started using that language.

There is no viable amphibious training area within miles and miles of 29 Palms, and certainly not within the Johnson Valley area contemplated by the EIS.

The EIS should be rewritten to consider proximity to amphibious terrain for realistic training. The plan and all Alternatives to expand into DRY Johnson Valley should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04107:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Comment ID: N-04108

Comment ID: N-04108
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Upon trying to find the proper mailing address for sending in my comments, I realized that it was not included in the DEIS document and was VERY difficult difficult to find, if not excluded, from every other typical place a concerned citizen may look when they try to find a way to submit any comments they have. I had to rely on a friend who finally dug it up on the Federal Register. How many Americans would know to look on the Federal Register to find an address so important to submitting their comments DURING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD? This alone is enough to demonstrate that people are NOT encouraged to submit their comments and views on this very important subject that affects millions of people.

Due to this major oversight (or possible planned act of discouraging the public to comment), a large percentage of the public may have not found a way to submit their opinions. This means the address(es) should be posted clearly and VERY publicly and the time-period for comments extended.

Furthermore, the amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents.

That is two-strikes against the way the public comment period has been handled and all-the-more reason to review what has gone wrong, correct the blatant mistakes, and extend the public comment period to a length of time that satisfies the condition that Americans get a truly fair shot at reviewing all of the documents and issues and having a simple and effective way for them to submit their comments because this time, you'll actually provide the mailing address in locations where EVERYONE who is interested, can find it.

Please go EAST instead. Thank you Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04108:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-04109

Comment ID: N-04109
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Michael Nixon
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have seen shared areas all across New Mexico, it doesn't work. The public is not allowed anywhere there has been a possibility of live fire. Basically we can drive down some roads. The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts is a "Red Herring" and it will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-04109:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

Comment ID: N-04110

Comment ID: N-04110
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please go East. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04110:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-04111

Comment ID: N-04111
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Matthew Blain
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To Whom It May Concern:

The offroad community takes great care to preserve areas that are used for recreation from accidental spills of automotive fluids. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-04111:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04112

Comment ID: N-04112
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Being retired Air Force I know how military equipment can Seep fluids during training. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-04112:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04113

Comment ID: N-04113
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Truly, is this expansion based on the REAL needs of the Marine Corps in the near and distant future OR is it based on the by-gone needs of yesterday? The way the political, social, cultural, and financial status of the world has appeared recently, it looks as though EVERYTHING is different than it was just a few years ago. Listenening to the expansion presentation given by the Marine Corps at a couple of different locations, most all of the planning for this expansion was decided on a VERY long time ago. The world is a different place and continuing with this expansion without ensuring it is what the Corps truly needs is a mistake that will not benefit the Corps and will hurt a large number of Americans along the way.

DO NOT expand the 29 Palms Military base without re-visiting ALL aspects of what Marines TRULY need for the near and distant future.

Sincerely,

Matthew Blain

Response to Comment N-04113:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The last Quadrennial Defense Review, in 2010, was widely derided for failing to match priorities with resources, and for essentially endorsing each services' force size and equipment wish lists.

The DEIS fails to state how the expansion of 29 Palms meets any of today's Marine Corps' priorities.

This proposed expansion seems to be a "wish list" item, rather than a priority item that will be upheld by the actual Force Structure.

President Obama's upcoming review will be very similar to a QDR, and will inevitably highlight "wish list items" like the 29 Palms expansion. It would be a better solution to axe this proposed expansion at this stage, rather than having the embarassment of having it axed by the Pentagon.

The nation cannot afford to have the military keep doing everything that it does today. The Marine Corps is prepared to be a more mobile, middleweight fighter. The Marine Corps can come through the reviews largely unscathed--but some of the less necessary programs like a 29 Palms expansion should be cut immediately.

The DEIS does not state that the 29 Palms expansion meets current Marine Corps Force Structure needs. The DEIS does not state that the 29 Palms expansion will be fundable given federal government cutbacks--including $400 Billion by 2023. The project should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

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Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I first want to thank the Marine Corps for your support of the OHV community. This community is comprised of thousands of active Marines, veterans, and countless other citizens of this great country that love and respect all the Marines do for us.

The expansion of 29 Palms is a delicate issue for me. I believe our military deserves the very best, regardless of the cost. After reviewing the EIS, I simply can't agree that the expansion of 29 Palms is in the best interest of the Marines. There are countless errors and omissions to the EIS. It doesn't properly address the expansion's impact on OHV culture, the availability of public land for use by all user groups, its impact on the local community, the needs of the Marine corps as dictated on numerous occasions by its leadership, the affect on the families that enjoy the Johnson Valley OHV, whether this expansion is properly budgeted and/or a good use of the Marine's resources, air impacts, water impacts, erosion impacts, the list goes on and on.

These errors alone should cause the EIS to be removed, the process started over, and a real evaluation of the true needs for today's Marine Corp. My first request is the removal of this EIS. If after carefully considering all of its shortfalls you still believe expansion is necessary I implore you to expand East instead of West. While I believe this expansion is still a poor deployment of financial resources, the expansion East instead of West will minimize all of the other impacts the 29 Palms expansion will have.

Thank you again for your service.

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04115:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Sr. Financial Analyst, I am surprised that the The Corps failed to analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on project viability. Many times in Business Development, we see project start and fail due to short sighted long-term planning. It appears as though you are planning to shut down an area currently used by the public without making long term plans for its sustainability. How sad that a determined OHV culture will be shut out and then have to watch their beloved area go defect due to this financial failure. Please analyse the numbers and reconsider expanding into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Amanda Smith

Response to Comment N-04116:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area is not properly addressed by this EIS. Johnson Valley is an area loved and enjoyed by tens of thousands of people throughout the year. Motorcycle riders, hikers, bird watchers, campers, explorers, 4wheelers, and people just out to camp and enjoy the area flock to the area each and every weekend. There is not an alternative to this area for all of these users, and the EIS fails to address this catastrophic loss.

One weekend in particular this area and all of Johnson Valley are used for the King of the Hammers race. This race combines the technical nature of rock crawling with the high speed endurance of a desert race. It is the hardest one day off road race in the world. Tens of thousands of participants and spectators enjoy this race, many of them camping out for the entire week in the Johnson Valley Area. Much of the course for that race would no longer be available if the 29 Palms expansion comes West into Johnson Valley.

The King of the Hammers race promoters worked tirelessly with the BLM, the Marines, and other local law enforcement officers at last years race to ensure a smooth and safe race for participants, spectators, and the environment. At the post race review the organizers and participants were given the highest marks for their approach to safety, preparation, and post race clean up. Johnson Valley was truly a better place after the race than it was before.

Without the Johnson Valley OHV area this event can not go on. People from all over the country and all over the world will no longer be able to enjoy the lifestyle and sport they love. This is not addressed within the EIS, and is a major shortfall that must be addressed. There is an alternative within the EIS that would give the Marines the ability to expand, while not permanently damaging the economy and culture of the area. GO East Marines. If expansion is necessary, then expand to the East and leave Johnson Valley for the continued and life long use of the public you fight so hard to defend.

Please go East instead. Thank You!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04117:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Many OHV areas in the US have been closed due to noise complaints.

If the Federal Government has determined that this is a legitimate problem, then the noise of live fire exercises in the proposed 29 Palms expansion should be enough to halt this proposed action.

If, on the other hand, noise is not a legitimate problem, and the 29 Palms Marine Base expands into the Johnson Valley OHV Area, then the US Government must re-open OHV recreation areas in the US that were previously closed due to noise complaints.

Please go East. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04118:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates noise impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.9). As discussed in Section 4.4 of the EIS, some noise and vibrations associated with ordnance use under the proposed action may be periodically detected by residents and other members of the public from a distance, and may sometimes be an annoyance. Although proposed training activities would increase noise levels in adjacent land areas, noise levels would not exceed the threshold criteria outside of the proposed acquisition boundaries. The results of additional single-event noise modeling have been added to Section 4.9 of the EIS to contribute to the evaluation of noise impacts.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The US Government (BLM) has determined that fireworks are illegal at the Johnson Valley OHV area due to the risk of wildfire.

How does the US Government (USMC) propose to mitigate the risk of wildfire at Johnson valley with the use of live fire rounds?

There seems to be a huge contradiction in the laws that the US Government wants to impose upon its citizens and the regulations it allows for itself.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Please go East. Thanks Marines!!!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04119:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

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Comment ID: N-04120

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thanks for your service but please think of all the rare animals.

Sincerely,

Lisette Polanco

Response to Comment N-04120:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps strives to preserve natural resources, including rare species, while conducting their military missions. Impacts to special status species are described throughout Section 4.10 of the EIS, and conservation measures and mitigation measures to offset significant impacts are presented in Section 2.8.4 and 4.10.

Comment ID: N-04121

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The idea of the military sharing Johnson Valley with OHV enthusiasts will not work. The military will not be able to insure that the area is clear of all live ordinance for public safety, or will not have the funding to clear the area on a regular basis, leaving Johnson Valley shut off to the public.

Sincerely,

Max Barker

Response to Comment N-04121:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-04122

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I question not only the value of this "investment", but also the basic affordability of expanding 29 Palms.

The last Quadrennial Defense Review, in 2010, was widely derided for failing to match priorities with resources, and for essentially endorsing each services' force size and equipment wish lists.

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Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04122:

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Comment ID: N-04123

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I recreate often in JV. All three of my kids learned to drive there. It's a special place to us. Please consider moving the expansion east. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Rob Campbell

Response to Comment N-04123:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider the amount of letters, the time that people have taken to write them, the group effort to get this many people to band together for a cause, and all the publicity this has received as of late. We are not a stand-by and watch group, we have made and will continue to make every effort to protect the areas that we need in order to enjoy our sport...and to some it's their life, job, and only means of survival. We support our military 100%, but we also would like to see our efforts acknowledged.

Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

Response to Comment N-04124:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Comment ID: N-04125

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Nick and I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter. I find the decision by the United States Marine Corps to expand their operations at 29 Palms in Southern California to be a poor decision for a number of reasons including the detrimental effect it would have on the local economy, the offroad industry, and thousands, if not millions of families from not just California and the USA, but other countries as well.

Johnson Valley is a world renouned hiking, camping, and offroading destination and many folks, such as myself, have not yet had the opportunity to recreate here. With the recent sucess of the King of the Hammers offroad race, Johnson Valley has further highlighted itself as one of the most hardcore offroading enviornments in the country. Not to mention the area, as well as the King of the Hammers event generates millions of dollars for the local economy and the offroad industry. Losing JV forever would be a critical blow to both in a time when boosts to the economy should come before all else.

Myself I hope to take my girlfriend there within the next year or two to four wheel our Toyota 4Runner and camp. Our ultimate goal is to travel the country and JV is one of our first desired stops. Please reconsider this decision to expand west into Johnson Valley and instead explore options to go East instead. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-04125:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Comment ID: N-04126

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Starr and I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter. I find the decision by the United States Marine Corps to expand their operations at 29 Palms in Southern California to be a poor decision for a number of reasons including the detrimental effect it would have on the local economy, the offroad industry, and thousands, if not millions of families from not just California and the USA, but other countries as well.

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Sincerely,

Starr Penniman

Response to Comment N-04126:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Marines,

First of all, thank you for the opportunity to make public comment on this issue. Public input with respect to the use of public lands is an important process in protecting our public lands for multiple uses as mandated by Congress.

I am devasted by the news that the Marines are considering commandeering part of the Johnson Valley OHV area. This action would close these public lands FROM the public. It would take away from the OHV community one of the most important playgrounds in the country.

Johnson Valley is the largest open-access off-road area in the nation, according to the BLM. The proposed action would take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions, according to the Press Enterprise.

At a time when off road areas are being closed and access prohibited at an alarming rate, such an action would blow a devastating loss to the OHV community, the businesses that rely upon it, and the local communities whose economies rely on public OHV visits to this area.

I respectfully request that you consider all other alternatives (ANY other alternative) to closing public OHV access to this important OHV area.

Thank you,

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Sincerely,

RON TOLMAN

Response to Comment N-04127:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is not often i will take the time to write a letter like this but the subject is one I am passionate about. While I understand the importance of giving our military the best tools possible I must make a passionate plea for them to consider the importance of the Johnson Valley to the OHV public. The trails and conditions there are second to none when it comes to "King of the Hammers" race. There is simply no place better for us to hold this race.

The phenomenal success of this race and sport during the current recession amazing. This success has a huge economical impact not only in the communities surrounding JV but it has also spread around this country. Many of the companies making, distributing and selling the parts and equipment to support this sport are almost all 100% USA.

I love this country and I know are military is responsible for the freedoms I have to go "off roading" I just want them to consider some of the other options as the JV trails are a unique treasure. Please consider the alternativs.

Austin Armstrong

Sincerely,

Austin Armstrong

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Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The use of OHV enthusiasts of Johnson Valley needs to be addressed in the EIS as the impact on our culture will be greatly affected. As a camper and hiker, the Johnson Valley area provides for valuable family outing opportunities. The vast amounts of families in the OHV community are considered as extended family. Not accounting for the OHV culture is a determent to society and the local economy. Please reconsider your expansion into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Smith

Response to Comment N-04129:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Johnson Valley Recreation area is NOT just a spot for people to go wheeling. It is the Mecca of off -roading that people from all over the world travel to in order to experience it. The USMC does not realize the importance of this area to our community and OHV "Culture"

In addition, I believe the military should use the public as an asset for further vehicular research. Take for example the recently developed vehicle to possibly replace the Hummer; ELSORV. Where do you think the use of a vehicle like this came from? I'll tell you, it came from the offroad industry, in particular rock crawlers. Where was rock crawling really started, once again I'll tell you; Johnson Valley.

I do not feel with this country as vast as it is, that the military would feel the need to eliminate a culture that has the possibility to contribute so much to its future vehicles to transport their troups. Technology is increasing constantly at a rapid pace, and there is much to be learned to better the safety and diversity of terrain vehicles can handle. We would like to continue to be that resource.

Thank you for your time,
Chris Roes

Sincerely,

Christopher Roes

Response to Comment N-04130:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please don't downplay the importance of the Johnson Valley area to campers, hikers, and motorcycles.

Sincerely,

Mark James

Response to Comment N-04131:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This land is visited by thousands of people every year. The safety of the people accidentally entering the area causes grave concern.

Sincerely,

Mark James

Response to Comment N-04132:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I doubt this expansion is really necessary with the current political situation. It is based on plans made over 10 years ago.

Sincerely,

Mark James

Response to Comment N-04133:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Expanding the marine base at 29 Palms would be very bad for local business that depend on campers and visitors to the area.

Sincerely,

Mark James

Response to Comment N-04134:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

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To Whom It May Concern:

One aspect of any EIS is an evaluation of the fairness of the action and the equality of sacrifice if any to the community. Johnson Valley is an area utilized by countless user groups, but is the only place within hundreds of miles that offers the size and variety of terrain to OHV users that Johnson Valley does.

Expansion west will unduly impact the OHV community and its users. The EIS fails to address the fairness of this taking, especially when other options are available that wouldn't unduly burden one user group. If expansion is necessary, the best option is to Go East. This expansion will leave open to the public a long and often utilized area that is open to all user groups.

Go East Marines.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04135:

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to reference this document:

http://www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/las/documents/cna/CNA%20MEB%20Training%20Exercise%20Study%20Identifying%20MEB%20Training%20Requirements%20D0009618%20A1%20Jan04.pdf

The document is entitled: MEB Training Exercise Study: Identifying MEB Training Requirements

On page three of that document it states:

"The brigade-sized air- ground force first operated in Korea in the early 1950s. MEBs were formally indoctrinated into the Marine Corps along with the MEU and the MEF in 1962 [3]. Throughout most of the latter half of the 20th century, MEBs activated, deployed, and deactivated as needed. Standing MEBs were the exception rather than the rule. The Marine Corps experimented with permanent MEB headquarters (HQs) from 1985 to 1992. When downsizing and budget reductions required force restructuring, the Marine Corps eliminated the standing MEB HQs and discontinued use of the MEB as a distinct Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF). Instead, fighting was discussed in MEF slices, and the lead echelon of the MEF became the MEF Forward (FWD).."

The key sentence I would like to point out is:

"When downsizing and budget reductions required force restructuring, the Marine Corps eliminated the standing MEB HQs and discontinued use of the MEB as a distinct Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF)"

Currently, according to General Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Marines are currently DOWNSIZING, about to go under BUDGET RESTRICTIONS, and are currently undergoing FORCE RESTRUCTURING.

If the MEB was discontinued last time this happened, it may be discontinued again. Therefore: expansion of 29 Palms is not necessary.

If this DEIS is not thrown out or rewritten to take the current actions of the Marine Corps into consideration, at the very least it must be put off until the entire force structure is completed.

Currently, the Marines do not know if the MEB will be continued as a distinct MAGTF.

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As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area is not properly addressed by this EIS. Johnson Valley is an area loved and enjoyed by tens of thousands of people throughout the year. Motorcycle riders, hikers, bird watchers, campers, explorers, 4wheelers, and people just out to camp and enjoy the area flock to the area each and every weekend. There is not an alternative to this area for all of these users, and the EIS fails to address this catastrophic loss.

One weekend in particular this area and all of Johnson Valley are used for the King of the Hammers race. This race combines the technical nature of rock crawling with the high speed endurance of a desert race. It is the hardest one day off road race in the world. Tens of thousands of participants and spectators enjoy this race, many of them camping out for the entire week in the Johnson Valley Area. Much of the course for that race would no longer be available if the 29 Palms expansion comes West into Johnson Valley.

The King of the Hammers race promoters worked tirelessly with the BLM, the Marines, and other local law enforcement officers at last years race to ensure a smooth and safe race for participants, spectators, and the environment. At the post race review the organizers and participants were given the highest marks for their approach to safety, preparation, and post race clean up. Johnson Valley was truly a better place after the race than it was before.

Without the Johnson Valley OHV area this event can not go on. People from all over the country and all over the world will no longer be able to enjoy the lifestyle and sport they love. This is not addressed within the EIS, and is a major shortfall that must be addressed. There is an alternative within the EIS that would give the Marines the ability to expand, while not permanently damaging the economy and culture of the area. GO East Marines. If expansion is necessary, then expand to the East and leave Johnson Valley for the continued and life long use of the public you fight so hard to defend.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04137:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

In arguing against the expansion of 29 Palms, I would like to share a story told by General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps at the Defense Writers group breakfast on February 18th, 2011.

"We found that we were buying a new water bull. Now, for everybody here, a water bull is not an animal. It's a big – it's a water tank that holds, I'm guessing, I don't know, four (hundred) or 500 gallons of water.

"We call them "water bull," but that's like a water buffalo. And you tow it behind a Humvee or a seven-ton truck or that kind of thing. Now, that's where Marines get fresh water. You pump fresh water in it. You go up there, and Marines are up there shaving, and all that stuff. And we've got a good one. We've had that one since I was a lieutenant, and it works just fine. Nothing wrong with it; (served us as Marines ?). Well, we found out that – and I'm not sure who, but we said, well, we need a bigger water bull. We need one that's about three or four times as big.

And we said, well – then we see this picture of this thing, and it's huge. It not only takes up more cube, it's heavier. Well, why do we need it? Well, because we've got a seven-ton truck now that can tow it. Because we can. We said, let's buy it.

We canceled that program. So there's an example. There's others that are out there. But being frugal just means going back and paying very close attention, close scrutiny on everything we're buying, making sure that we can – that it's something we need."

In a post OEF world, The Marines are getting back to their frugal roots and only asking for what they NEED, not for what they want. Currently, with the state of the world and planning for smaller actions in littoral areas, the Marines do not need to train 3 Battalions for a large scale campaign. According to General Amos, the Marines were used in OEF as a "two for", as a second land army. Now their role is changing back to their original purpose.

The entire DEIS needs to be thrown out since the purpose and need of the base expansion is no longer valid in a post OEF world.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04138:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

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To Whom It May Concern:

What impact will the military have on the wildlife? Detrimental! With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Lisette Polanco

Response to Comment N-04139:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As an off-highway vehicle enthusiast I write to urge you to support the "no action" alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment To Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground Task Force Live Fire and Maneuver Training. I recognize that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) notes that no action "...is not a viable alternative since it does not meet the purpose and need..." However, none of the 6 proposed alternatives, including preferred alternative 6, adequately address all issues including providing for recreation, particularly motorized recreation.

Local riders, and many from adjoining regions, have been pushed off of public lands and out of many areas of the desert for decades. While I understand that the Marines have a vital mission, there simply must be a better way to provide for adequate training while not essentially eliminating responsible access to Johnson Valley for motorized recreationists.

I encourage you to withdraw the DEIS in favor of developing a new DEIS with a broadened range of alternatives that include options that allow for the continued responsible use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs), and that recognize the vital economic impact that motorized recreation has in the area.

Sincerely,

Ronald Adkins

Response to Comment N-04140:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.) because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The EIS does not note that unexploded ordinance is a risk. If this is to become a shared area, the EIS does not note how unexploded ordinance will be dealt with.

If the area is to be closed for several years to the general public, the EIS does not note how unexploded ordinance will be disposed of to make the area safe for future generations.

There is still unexploded ordinance from live shells and bombs dropped during and post-WWII.

Sincerely,

Tracie Penniman

Response to Comment N-04141:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has determined that Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 (all of which provide for Restricted Public Access to some or all of the acquired land area approximately 10 months of the year) are feasible alternatives that would allow it to meet at least the minimum identified training requirement. If one of these alternatives is selected by the Department of the Navy and approved by Congress, the Marine Corps would be required to implement the selected alternative as described in the Final EIS or they would be legally required to comply with the NEPA process to assess potential impacts of some other course of action.

As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Environmental Impact Statement has not considered the Environmental Impact of the increased wheeled and tracked military vehicle traffic and the airborne dust created.

Air quality will be negatively impacted.

The EIS does not state how many water trucks will be necessary to cope with the dust created by a single MEB.

Sincerely,

Lisa Penniman

Response to Comment N-04142:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Go East Marines.

Sincerely,

Nicholas McMurray

Response to Comment N-04143:

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To Whom It May Concern:

It may seem like Johnson Valley is a typical wide open desert, however the opposite is the truth. In short, Johnson Valley is a unique landscape that Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts flock to year after year.

The explosion of events such as the "King of the Hammers" series (which drew over 15,000 visitors in 2011) that are held in Johnson Valley each year as well as many smaller events should be proof of just how important and highly regarded this area is. The areas surrounding Johnson Valley have come to depend on tourism of the area. Without those visitors, how many communties would be affected?

As a fellow Service Member as well as an OHV enthusiast, I understand just how important training is. I understand that we ultimately fight how we train and I know just how difficult finding suitable training areas can be. I also understand that OHV enthusiasts are losind recreation areas at an alarming rate. The expansion of 29 Palms into Johnson Valley would take away an area that has become a household name.

The OHV community is not attempting to take away suitable training areas, we are simply attempting to find a suitable compromise. As such, we believe that the training area should be expanded into the desert area adjoining Johnson Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Klemme

Response to Comment N-04144:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Is the expansion of 29 Palms really necessary. The EIS fails to consider as a real option the training of our Marines at Fort Irwin during its unused times. That base was expanded years ago and has not been used to its potential. I realize it will take some coordination, but that very coordination is key to the proper training of our fighting force in this day and age when joint operations are the norm.

The EIS must take this option more seriously. If after giving this option a real chance, it is determined that the expansion of 29 Palms is still necessary, please go East. The expansion East will accomplish the same goal as expanding into Johnson Valley, but will not remove thousands of acres from use by the public.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04145 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered several alternative scenarios for the proposed action (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training at other military bases in the U.S.) but eliminated them from detailed study. Although the Army and the Marine Corps often serve side-by-side and sometimes execute similar missions, they have very different training requirements. The MAGTF is the Marine Corps' principal organization for conducting missions across the range of military operations. MAGTFs employ and integrate air- and ground-based operations. The Marine Corps is legally required to provide forces of combined arms, which is a unique Marine Corps mission and capability. MAGTF training involves a fully integrated live fire environment. MAGTF training employs a progressive approach, starting with combined arms integration techniques and procedures at the company level and culminating in a final exercise involving all elements of the Exercise Force MAGTF, such as the MEB-sized training proposed for the Combat Center. Fort Irwin does not have ranges capable of supporting MEB-sized sustained, combined-arms live-fire and maneuver training and the modification of Fort Irwin to better accommodate Marine Corps training requirements would preclude the Army's ability to meet its own training requirements and be optimally prepared for deployment. See Section 2.7 of the EIS for more information about alternatives that were considered but not carried forward for analysis in the EIS.

As discussed in Section 2.7 of the EIS, the Marine Corps considered other alternatives for the proposed action, including suggestions offered by members of the public during the public scoping period in late 2008. Several alternative scenarios were considered and eliminated from detailed study (including conducting the proposed MEB-sized MAGTF Training at other military bases in the U.S.)

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Response to Comment N-04145 (Page 2 of 2):

because they did not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action or did not satisfy the minimum screening criteria for identifying suitable lands for acquisition (as described in Section 2.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

An issue of shared sacrifice. Around the country areas previously open to public use are being closed at an alarming rate. We are doing so to save a beetle, and owl, or some species of lichen. Every piece of our environment is precious, but without the ability for the citizens and guests of this great country to get out there and enjoy them the passion and love for this wonderful land of ours will quickly evaporate.

In a time when families are looking for affordable group activities, why are we closing areas that are used most by those very families the land is supposed to be preserved for.

I support the Marine Corps, and value their service to this country I love, but the EIS performed for the 29 Palms expansion has a glaring error. The recommendation to expand into Johnson Valley is the wrong choice. Remove this option from the EIS, so that people from around the country and the globe can continue to enjoy the responsible use of the treasures that Johnson Valley holds. If you must expand, GO EAST. If you must expand choose any option that doesn't impact the citizens of this country by removing one of the last great public areas from legal use.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04146:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The expansion plans for 29 Palms Marine Base pushing into, and taking over, most of Johnson Valley's multiple-use recreation area appears to be ignorant of the process in doing a proper EIS. There are numerous areas that were left out of the EIS studies, including the impacts on an entire culture of recreationalists...multiple cultures actually.

The activities seen in the Johnson Valley Recreation Area are not just some pop-fad or single event taking place, never to be seen again, but instead are truly "lifestyles", dedicated to participation in a certain activity. Whether it be the rocketeer, the wind-sailer, the rock hound, the off-roader, or any other of the large number of activities taking place in the area, the individual participants invest tens of thousands of dollars, if not hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars in order to participate. With that much invested, it proves that these activities go far beyond an "intermittent hobby" and are actually in a classification comparable to an entire culture of their own...very large cultures at that.

To ignore something as great as a culture, many cultures in-fact, combined with the fact that Johnson Valley happens to be the "Mecca" of many of those cultures (especially in the off-road world), again shows that the EIS was NOT completed correctly and that the choice to expand into Johnson Valley would be a travesty against a large number of Americans, who are supposed to be protected by the EIS. There are reasons the EIS is a legal process...the way the EIS for the 29 Palms Marine Base expansion has been handled has NOT followed the reasoning for doing an EIS in the first place.

The cultures driven by the unique recreation activities possible in Johnson Valley would be GREATLY impacted by the 29 Palms Base expansion. Do the EIS right, or DO NOT expand the base.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04147:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you Marine Corps for your service to this great country. Without your sacrifice all that we hold near and dear would not be possible. I love this county and your service. The freedom, the will of the people, the enjoyment of the outdoors, all of these things lead me to review the EIS on your planned expansion of 29 Palms.

Upon trying to find the proper mailing address for sending in my comments, I realized that it was not included in the DEIS document and was VERY difficult difficult to find, if not excluded, from every other typical place a concerned citizen may look when they try to find a way to submit any comments they have. I had to rely on a friend who finally dug it up on the Federal Register. How many Americans would know to look on the Federal Register to find an address so important to submitting their comments DURING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD? This alone is enough to demonstrate that people are NOT encouraged to submit their comments and views on this very important subject that affects millions of people.

Due to this major oversight (or possible planned act of discouraging the public to comment), a large percentage of the public may have not found a way to submit their opinions. This means the address(es) should be posted clearly and VERY publicly and the time-period for comments extended.

Furthermore, the amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents.

That is two-strikes against the way the public comment period has been handled and all-the-more reason to review what has gone wrong, correct the blatant mistakes, and extend the public comment period to a length of time that satisfies the condition that Americans get a truly fair shot at reviewing all of the documents and issues and having a simple and effective way for them to submit their comments because this time, you'll actually provide the mailing address in locations where EVERYONE who is interested, can find it.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04148:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The time given to the general public for review and comment of the EIS is not sufficient. While it may be possible for our elected officials in Washington to review thousands of pages in detail I do not posses that ability, nor does the rest of the public.

Closure of any lands open to the public, no matter how great the cause, is a very serious matter and it is one that must be review, monitored, and its wide ranging consequences thoroughly understood.

Where will the current users of the Johnson Valley OHV be allowed the responsible pursuit of their passion on public lands? I see no alternative for all of the users of that area within the EIS.

This proposal must be removed, or the Eastward expansion chosen.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

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Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Truly, is this expansion based on the REAL needs of the Marine Corps in the near and distant future OR is it based on the by-gone needs of yesterday? The way the political, social, cultural, and financial status of the world has appeared recently, it looks as though EVERYTHING is different than it was just a few years ago. Listening to the expansion presentation given by the Marine Corps at a couple of different locations, most all of the planning for this expansion was decided on a VERY long time ago. The world is a different place and continuing with this expansion without ensuring it is what the Corps truly needs is a mistake that will not benefit the Corps and will hurt a large number of Americans along the way.

DO NOT expand the 29 Palms Military base without re-visiting ALL aspects of what Marines TRULY need for the near and distant future.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-04150:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

UXO's are found all around the world, many times by innocents who are injured or even killed by them. Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Michael Nixon

Response to Comment N-04151:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

Mitigation of OHV loss.

Expansion of 29 Palms into the Johnson Valley area will effectively destroy the entire area for the use of the OHV community. The EIS does not address or even contemplate the mitigation of this loss. The importance of the Johnson Valley area to the OHV community is one I'm sure you've received a large number of letters on and it is an huge oversight within the EIS.

Mitigation of any loss must be done in a like for like, kind for kind manner. The mitigation also must be done in a geographically similar area. There simply is no way to replace the Johnson Valley OHV area in a like for like, kind for kind manner. When appropriate mitigation is not available or the cost of that mitigation is prohibitive there is no other option but to remove the option requiring that mitigation from the study.

The EIS does not address the mitigation of the loss of Johnson Valley. The EIS does not identify any alternatives to the Johnson Valley OHV, nor does it address the cost for replacing the Johnson Valley OHV area as a form of mitigation. The westward expansion of 29 Palms should not and can not go forward without a realistic plan to mitigate these losses. If expansion is necessary, then you must go Eastward.

Go East Marines.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04152:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation, but does not have the authority to designate recreation lands as mitigation for the proposed action. The EIS determined that impacts to recreation (under all action alternatives) would be significant and that no mitigation measures would fully reduce the impacts to below a level of significance. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Several years ago, the Army's Ft Irwin also expanded in size.

Since then, because of lack of funding to complete additional studies and to expand infrastructure, only one section of the area to Ft. Irwin that was added is currently in use by the Army. Areas that they considered "critical" for their training, especially to the South are NOT in use.

It is also important to note, that this lack of funding for the Army at Ft. Irwin is during OEF when the military is receiving a lot of funding.

In a post OEF world, the Marine Corps, with even less funding than it has had in the past will run into the same issues with 29 Palms. The DEIS does not address this issue. If the land is annexed by the Marines, much of it will be able to be put into use because of lack of funding.

The DEIS needs to either be completely thrown out, or this issue needs to be added into the DEIS and addressed.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04154:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

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Sincerely,

Cortney Taylor

Response to Comment N-04155:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04156

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Desert tortoise section in the DEIS does not address cumulative impacts and mitigation requirements. There needs to be an in-depth study on the effects on the desert tortoise and its environment and also a study done on how much funding this will take.

Sincerely,

Starr McMurray

Response to Comment N-04156:

Thank you for your comment. Cumulative impacts on the desert tortoise are described in Section 5.4.10 of the EIS, and are identified as significant. Mitigation for impacts to the desert tortoise are being developed through Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation with the USFWS, and the revised conservation measures from the USFWS Biological Opinion are included in Section 4.10 of the EIS.

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The expansion of 29 Palms is a delicate issue for me. I believe our military deserves the very best, regardless of the cost. After reviewing the EIS, I simply can't agree that the expansion of 29 Palms is in the best interest of the Marines. There are countless errors and omissions to the EIS. It doesn't properly address the expansion's impact on OHV culture, the availability of public land for use by all user groups, its impact on the local community, the needs of the Marine corps as dictated on numerous occasions by its leadership, the affect on the families that enjoy the Johnson Valley OHV, whether this expansion is properly budgeted and/or a good use of the Marine's resources, air impacts, water impacts, erosion impacts, the list goes on and on.

These errors alone should cause the EIS to be removed, the process started over, and a real evaluation of the true needs for today's Marine Corp. My first request is the removal of this EIS. If after carefully considering all of its shortfalls you still believe expansion is necessary I implore you to expand East instead of West. While I believe this expansion is still a poor deployment of financial resources, the expansion East instead of West will minimize all of the other impacts the 29 Palms expansion will have.

Thank you again for your service.

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04158:

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Sincerely,

Dennis McMurray

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Response to Comment N-04160 (Page 1 of 2):

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First I must begin by thanking the Marine Corps for their service to our country.

The executive summary of the DEIS on the Expansion of 29 Palms states that the Marine Corps has a requirement to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire, and maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Air Ground Task Force, and the existing facilities are inadequate.

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Sincerely,

Nick McMurray

Response to Comment N-04160 (Page 2 of 2):

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Response to Comment N-04161 (Page 1 of 2):

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-04161 (Page 2 of 2):

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Comment ID: N-04162
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To Whom It May Concern:

Response to Comment N-04162 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Mr. Richard Crowe noted in his article "A Perspective on Desert Vehicle Recreation and the Proposed Expansion of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Training Center" that this current proposal is the crux of a very controversial, complicated, and long-time building situation.

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2. 1930s: 2 national monuments are designated, Death Valley and Joshua Tree

3. 1940s saw the withdrawal of several large tracts of public lands for WWII and post-war military training, research and development, and testing. By 1945 approximately 25% of the Desert is off limit or severely restricted to recreation vehicles.

4. 1976 Congressional designation of the 25 million acre California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA).

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At the same time, half of the other 50% of the Desert is private land: off-limit to public use. AND, about half of the remaining 25% of the Desert that is not military, not wilderness, not parkland, and not private – i.e., not off limit for vehicle use - is affected by species and habitat issues and subject to further vehicle restrictions.

6. Six plan amendments due to threatened species have reduced the amount of open roads by 3,671 miles.

The cumulative effect on off-highway vehicle use is massive. The closure of another 422,000 miles will be catastrophic to our way of life. This is another 659 square miles of PREMIER OHV area. The closure of Johnson Valley OHV area is unacceptable. The Plan must be either withdrawn or revised to shift the Base Expansion east due to the massive cumulative effect it has on OHV use.

I love my freedom, and I respect the mission of the US Marine Corps, but enough is enough. I support the Marines, just not in Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-04162 (Page 2 of 2):

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To Whom It May Concern:

The United States public is in the middle of a cultural expansion. Families and individuals looking for ways to enjoy our beautiful country have flocked to the use of off highway vehicles as a preferred method for family bonding, recreation, competition, and transportation. Many active duty marines love and support off road sports. This passion for exploring our great country is at the fiber of is formation, the core of our soul, and with 40 million users today it is a very real part of what makes us America.

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A couple areas to consider as you evaluate this EIS and its impact on a lifestyle that's been around for decades and continues to expand today.

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Please consider the huge impact on not only OHV users, but all citizens in the South West United States. Closure of this land should not be an option.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04163 (Page 2 of 2):

Comment ID: N-04164

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Volume of opposition.

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The EIS does not address the huge opposition to this expansion, and at the very least an answer to that opposition must be addressed. I do not support the expansion of 29 Palms westward into Johnson Valley, and urge you to either pull the expansion all together, or to expand eastward.

GO EAST MARINES

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04164

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To Whom It May Concern:

The last Quadrennial Defense Review, in 2010, was widely derided for failing to match priorities with resources, and for essentially endorsing each services' force size and equipment wish lists.

The DEIS fails to state how the expansion of 29 Palms meets any of today's Marine Corps' priorities.

This proposed expansion seems to be a "wish list" item, rather than a priority item that will be upheld by the actual Force Structure.

President Obama's upcoming review will be very similar to a QDR, and will inevitably highlight "wish list items" like the 29 Palms expansion. It would be a better solution to axe this proposed expansion at this stage, rather than having the embarassment of having it axed by the Pentagon.

The nation cannot afford to have the military keep doing everything that it does today. The Marine Corps is prepared to be a more mobile, middleweight fighter. The Marine Corps can come through the reviews largely unscathed--but some of the less necessary programs like a 29 Palms expansion should be cut immediately.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Expansion west will unduly impact the OHV community and its users. The EIS fails to address the fairness of this taking, especially when other options are available that wouldn't unduly burden one user group. If expansion is necessary, the best option is to Go East. This expansion will leave open to the public a long and often utilized area that is open to all user groups.

Go East Marines.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04169:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

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Sincerely,

Branndon Terry

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To Whom It May Concern:

In a time when economic resources are scarce I believe our military still deserves the very best. There is no reason to short those that defend and protect the very freedoms we hold dear. Having said that, I also believe it is imperative to utilize every dollar in the most effective manner.

The current Force Structure Review Group's report, "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness" dated March 14, 2011

http://www.marines.mil/unit/hqmc/cmc...11_ExecSum.PDF

Page 5 states that the "Marine Corps' force structure must provide a strategically mobile, middleweight force optimized for rapid crisis response and forward presence." It further goes on to state that this presence and the assault echelons require two Marine Expeditionary Brigades.

Training three simultaneous MEB's, therefore, is not a wise deployment of financial reasons and not a valid reason to expand 29 Palms into Johnson Valley if the Marine Corps does not even intend to project three MEB's simultaneously.

If the Marines must train as they fight, a 29 Palms expansion is unnecessary. Please withdraw the proposal. The time for review of the public documents was very short, and there is a chance that I've missed something. While I believe this expansion is unnecessary if you must expand, Go EAST

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04174:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Page 5 of the Executive summary notes a "13% reduction in ground forces, to include an 11% reduction in infantry, a 20% reduction in cannon artillery, and a 20% reduction in armor."

With these force reductions, a Base expansion is unnecessary. Please withdraw the proposal.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support the Marine Corps, and want the best for our fighting forces, but I have reviewed the report "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness" dated March 14, 2011, created by the Force Structure Review Group.

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With these force reductions, a Base expansion is unnecessary. I don't believe the EIS takes these force reductions into account. Please address how these force reductions make the expansion necessary. If an expansion is still necessary, please explain why an area open to public use will be taken instead of an area not utilized by any of our citizens.

I believe the money spent on this expansion is better spent within the Marine Corps. If the expansion is necessary, Go East Marines.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04177:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I thank you for the opportunity to provide comments within the EIS for the 29 Palms expansion. While the time to comment was very short, and the method by which I could mail my comments was not included in the EIS, those are only two of the failures for this EIS.

1. The Marines basic "mission" has changed since the plans for expansion were made a VERY long time ago.
2. Our economy continues to struggle and even the experts say it could be another decade before we see true recovery.
3. The recreation lands of Johnson Valley generate revenue and taxes in a big way.
4. An expansion of 29 Palms Military Base will not replace the lost revenue and taxes if Johnson Valley recreation is cut even a little bit.
5. The Corps Failed to Analyze National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.
6. The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget on this expansion.

This entire idea of expansion, especially into Johnson Valley, make zero sense financially and is irresponsible. Please save this money and provide better equipment for our Marines. If an expansion is truly necessary and by doing so we don't put our Marines in jeopardy, then expand East. Do not take the Johnson Valley area.

Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

Response to Comment N-04179 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

Comment ID: N-04179 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-04179 (Page 2 of 2):

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

Comment ID: N-04180

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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the expansion of 29 Palms Marine Base, please consider the following facts:
1. The Marines basic "mission" has changed since the plans for expansion were made a VERY long time ago.
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This entire idea of expansion, especially into Johnson Valley, make zero sense financially and is irresponsible, and quite possibly bordering on illegal. I am against this expansion.

Sincerely,

Billy Nickel

Response to Comment N-04180:

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Increasing the Marine Corps' footprint at home does not relate well to reducing the same Corps' footprint in an operation.

The EIS should be amended to describe how an increased presence at home could possibly reduce the Corps' footprint while deployed. I do not believe this is possible. The proposal to expand 29 Palms should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Starr Penniman

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Nick McMurray

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To Whom It May Concern:

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The current and future operating environment requires an expeditionary mindset geared toward increased efficiency and reduced consumption, which will make our forces lighter and faster. We will aggressively pursue innovative solutions to reduce energy demand in our platforms and systems, increase our self-sufficiency in our sustainment, and REDUCE OUR EXPEDITIONARY FOOTPRINT ON THE BATTLEFIELD (emphasis added). Transforming the way we use energy is essential to rebalance our Corps and prepare it for the future."

How will an increased training area reduce energy use?

Please amend the DEIS to show how increasing the size of 29 Palms will decrease fossil fuel use.

Sincerely,

Starr Penniman

Response to Comment N-04183:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 7.2 of the EIS, implementation of the proposed action would involve the consumption of fuel, oil, and lubricants for training activities. The energy consumed for training operations represents a permanent and non-renewable commitment of these resources. However, relatively small quantities of these types of resources would be required.

As indicated in Section 7.1 of the EIS, the Combat Center would complete and implement an Installation Energy and Sustainability Strategy (IESS) in accordance with EO 13423 (Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management), EO 13514 (Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance), Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), and Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT 2005).

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To Whom It May Concern:

29 Palms is not a viable training area for today's Marines:

The USMC is to no longer be a second land army; Gen. Amos' goal is to get back to (our) amphibious roots, we've got to – and then all of a sudden people started using that language.

There is not too much in the way of amphibious terrain in Johnson Valley that I'm aware of.

The base expansion is little more than a land grab, predicated on obsolete training regimens. The EIS should be rewritten to consider proximity to amphibious terrain for realistic training. The plan and all Alternatives to expand into DRY Johnson Valley should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-04185:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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To Whom It May Concern:

General Amos recently addressed the House Armed Services Committee. In his report, he noted:

"This year's budget submission was framed by my four Service level priorities. We will:
1. Continue to provide the best trained and equipped Marine units to Afghanistan
2. Rebalance our Corps and posture it for the future
3. Better educate and train our Marines to succeed in increasingly complex environments
4. Keep faith with our Marines, our Sailors and our families."

1. Continuance of training does not sound like an expanded base is necessary.
2. Rebalancing and posturing for the future, in light of previous comments about the USMC going back to its amphibious roots, do not require an expansion into Johnson Valley.
3. Johnson Valley is not an increasingly complex environment, or not any more complex than the existing terrain available in the existing 29 Palms base. There is also no urban/rural/agriculture interface as is encountered in Iraq, Libya, and Afghanistan.
4. I have faith in our Marines, I enjoy recreating with some of them at Johnson Valley. This faith does not require an expansion of 29 Palms west into Johnson Valley.

Clearly, none of General Amos' budget priorities are in line with an expansion of the 29 Palms base into Johnson Valley. The plan must be rewritten or revoked entirely.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-04186:

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Commandant of the Marines, General James F. Amos has stated that today's Marine Corps would be, "larger than special operations forces but lighter and more expeditionary than conventional Army units, we engage and respond quickly, often from the sea with enough force to carry the day upon arrival."

The Marine Corps' current Force Structure as a middlweight underscores the fact that simultaneous training of 3 Marine Expeditionary Battalions is no longer necessary. Back in 1990 when this type of training was de rigeur, this sort of base expansion would have been a necessity. Now that the USMC is going back to its roots as a mobile, middleweight fighter, a 29 Palms expansion is not necessary. The EIS should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-04187:

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General Amos has noted that today's Marine Corps would be, "larger than special operations forces but lighter and more expeditionary than conventional Army units, we engage and respond quickly, often from the sea with enough force to carry the day upon arrival."

29 Palms lack of proximity to the sea should make training of such a force difficult. A smaller area closer to the sea must be considered, and the EIS should be withdrawn and revised to consider this need.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-04188:

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stations, and Garrison Mobile Equipment (GME)provide essential support to sustain and enhance Marine Corps' combat readiness. And because our ethos is rooted in how Marines train and live, as well as in how they fight, what we do on our bases influences the expeditionary mindset."

Again, proof positive that the Marines do not need to expand at home (where they train and live) to learn how to be more agile on the battlefield. A low-energy expeditionary mindset should not allow a high-energy expansion and takeover of public land. The DEIS should be amended to correct this parallax or the proposal to expand 29 Palms should be withdrawn entirely.

Sincerely,

Heather McMurray

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To Whom It May Concern:

General James F. Amos, Commandment of the Marine Corps, spoke at the Fletcher Luncheon on April 15th, 2011.

General Fletcher spoke about future military actions and where the Marines are going to operate once we come out of Afghanistan, and he explained the "arc of instability." It is within this arc of instability that the Marines will most likely be engaging the enemy. These areas will be our future battlefields over the next two decades.

In speaking about this arc of instability, General Amos says:
"But we see that's probably what the world is going to look like for the next two decades. A lot more information there, but we think that's going to be our backyard because this is primarily the littorals, because these are kind of the nasty missions and things that, quite honestly, don't require 20,000 Marines on the ground."

If the Marines must train as they fight, then 29Palms does not need the capacity to simultaneously train 20,000 Marines.

Please keep Johnson Valley OHV area open to the public--including those Marines--who can come recreate at the OHV area when they are on leave from training, or redeployed home after fighting in that very arc of instability.

Sincerely,

Dustin McMurray

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To Whom It May Concern:

General Amos has pledged a reduction in energy use. In his Expeditionary Energy Strategy and Implementation plan, he notes:

"As a Corps, we have become more lethal, yet we have also become increasingly dependent on fossil fuel. Our growing demand for liquid logistics comes at a price. By tethering our operations to vulnerable supply lines, it degrades our expeditionary capabilities and ultimately puts Marines at risk. To maintain our lethal edge, we must change the way we use energy.

The current and future operating environment requires an expeditionary mindset geared toward increased efficiency and reduced consumption, which will make our forces lighter and faster. We will aggressively pursue innovative solutions to reduce energy demand in our platforms and systems, increase our self-sufficiency in our sustainment, and REDUCE OUR EXPEDITIONARY FOOTPRINT ON THE BATTLEFIELD (emphasis added). Transforming the way we use energy is essential to rebalance our Corps and prepare it for the future."

How will an increased training area reduce energy use?

Please amend the DEIS to show how increasing the size of 29 Palms will decrease fossil fuel use.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

Response to Comment N-04191:

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 7.2 of the EIS, implementation of the proposed action would involve the consumption of fuel, oil, and lubricants for training activities. The energy consumed for training operations represents a permanent and non-renewable commitment of these resources. However, relatively small quantities of these types of resources would be required.

As indicated in Section 7.1 of the EIS, the Combat Center would complete and implement an Installation Energy and Sustainability Strategy (IESS) in accordance with EO 13423 (Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management), EO 13514 (Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance), Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), and Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT 2005).

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Baily McMurray

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To Whom It May Concern:

At the Defense Writers Group Breakfast on February 18, 2011, General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps stated,

"You know, we've got shortfalls in equipment at home station right now because we've taken that equipment and sent it to Afghanistan. You know, we've been at war for nine years. ...We're about 30-percent short at our home stations across the Marine Corps. So in other words, if you have – if you're supposed to have 10 of this vehicle, we've got seven. So we took that money, part of that $3.1 billion, moved it to the left and said, let's start buying up those other three."

With current budget shortfalls, the DEIS has failed to state how home station equipment can be brought up to prewar reserve levels while simultaneously expanding base size.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker

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Sincerely,

Ryan Brown

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To Whom It May Concern:

General Amos has noted the need for more Austerity in the Marine Corps--a reduction in footprint. In his Expeditionary Energy Strategy and Implementation plan

http://www.marines.mil/unit/hqmc/cmc/Documents/USMC_Expeditionary_Energy_Strategy.pdf, Gen. Amos notes:

"Over the last ten years, we have become more lethal, but we have become heavy. We have lost speed. To reset the balance, we must return to our Spartan roots—fast, lethal, and austere."

The Marine Corps' Vision and Strategy 2025 states a goal of "Reduc(ing) our overall footprint in current and future expeditionary operations."

Increasing the Marine Corps' footprint at home does not relate well to reducing the same Corps' footprint in an operation.

The EIS should be amended to describe how an increased presence at home could possibly reduce the Corps' footprint while deployed. I do not believe this is possible. The proposal to expand 29 Palms should be withdrawn.

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To Whom it May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04199:

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04200:

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

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To Whom It May Concern:

Between dirt bikes and rock crawlers i spend almost all my spare time outdoors on trails like the ones offered at JV. It is trails like these that offer an alternative to drugs and gang violence. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04202:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04203:

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Shaun Bootsma

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Sincerely,

Nicholas Pearl

Response to Comment N-04205:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04206

Comment ID: N-04206
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

George Conklin

Response to Comment N-04206:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04207

Comment ID: N-04207
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-04207:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04208

Comment ID: N-04208
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04208:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04209

Comment ID: N-04209
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. Additionally, myself and many others actively participate in land clean-up events throughout the year to preserve the area. It is not addressed in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. As off road enthusiasts, we take a lot of pride in minimizing our environmental footprint in the areas that we use. I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great environmental impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04209:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04210

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04210:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04211

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04211:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04212

Comment ID: N-04212
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04212:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04213

Comment ID: N-04213
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Thomas Brown

Response to Comment N-04213:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04214

Comment ID: N-04214
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

rick aplet

Response to Comment N-04214:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04215

Comment ID: N-04215
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04215:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04216

Comment ID: N-04216
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. This is a major issue that needs to be resolved before any type of expansion in any direction.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-04216:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04217

Comment ID: N-04217
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04217:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04218

Comment ID: N-04218
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not. Please consider not only the impact on the environment, but the impact the expansion would have on those who currently responsibly enjoy the area. GO EAST!

Sincerely,

Kevin Thrash

Response to Comment N-04218:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-04219

Comment ID: N-04219
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04219:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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Comment ID: N-04220
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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First I must begin by thanking the Marine Corps for their service to our country.

The executive summary of the DEIS on the Expansion of 29 Palms states that the Marine Corps has a requirement to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire, and maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Air Ground Task Force, and the existing facilities are inadequate.

However, I have found many current documents from the Marine Corps stating that the role of the Marine Corps is changing. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is even quoted saying, "The nation does not need a second land army, but rather forces that can deploy quickly and sustain themselves for a short period of time."

In the fall of 2010, the Marine Corps conducted a Force Structure Review (FSR) to evaluate and refine the organization, posture and capabilities required of America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness in a post Operation Enduring Freedom security environment.

In a document dated March 14th, 2010, entitled "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness, Report of the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review Group" it clearly states that the 21st century Marine Corps force structure "must provide a strategically mobile, middleweight force optimized for rapid crisis response and forward presence."

The document further states that the Marine Corps will "Accept a degree of risk by reducing our active component capacity for conducting multiple, major sustained operations ashore."

The report states that the Marine Corps will be reshaped by reducing the end strength of the active component of the Marine Corps from 202,000 to approximately 186,800 following the completion of Marine Corps operations in Afghanistan.

This works out to:

A 13% reduction in ground combat forces
An 11% reduction in Infantry

Response to Comment N-04220 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

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As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion

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A 20% reduction in cannon artillery
A 20% reduction in Armor
A 16% reduction in fixed wing tactical aviation squadrons
A 9% reduction in logistics
A 7% reduction in Marines assigned to non-operational billets
And a 13% reduction in the civilian workforce.

Page four of the DEIS clearly states that the training requirement put forward as the reasoning to expand 29 Palms comes from a Marine strategy put forward in the year 2000.

With this new strategy and re-vamping of the Marine Corps from the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review group, the entire document must be discarded as it is based on outdated decisions and information.

In summary: in light of the changes in today's Marine Corps, the expansion of 29 Palms in not necessary.

Marines-Thank You but Please go East!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04220 (Page 2 of 2):

task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04221

Comment ID: N-04221
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a great stress reliver and is how i met my boyfriend. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04221:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04222

Comment ID: N-04222
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClaine
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To Whom It May Concern:

Between dirt bikes and rock crawlers i spend almost all my spare time outdoors on trails like the ones offered at JV. It is trails like these that offer an alternative to drugs and gang violence. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04222:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04223

Comment ID: N-04223
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04223:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04224

Comment ID: N-04224
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? With the current conflicts in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq the fighting is against small bands of insurgents. Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?.

Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-04224:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04225

Comment ID: N-04225
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04225:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04226

Comment ID: N-04226
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04226:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-04227

Comment ID: N-04227
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04227:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04228

Comment ID: N-04228
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? With a future planned downsize of the armed forces I feel that the reasoning behind the expansions is asinine. There are miles and miles of un-used military lands all ready in California. Why should you take the tax payers land and close it off? You tell me.

Sincerely,

Jason Cook

Response to Comment N-04228:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?
I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-04229 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-04229 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-04229 (Page 2 of 2):

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-04230

Comment ID: N-04230
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04230:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Sincerely,

Robert Koester

Response to Comment N-04231:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris van stolk

Response to Comment N-04232:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04233:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04234:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04235:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-04236
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04236:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04237:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04238

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04238:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04239

Comment ID: N-04239
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04239:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04240

Comment ID: N-04240
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former military member myself I fully support the USMC. However I have to ask is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04240:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04241

Comment ID: N-04241
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? What would ever dictate the need to support this type of training, is there a third world county we are planning on invading? It appears that most combat now takes place in cities and really does not need dezert training.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-04241:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04242

Comment ID: N-04242
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale? Is it really necessary to expand in times like these? How about the United States government take the money designated for the expansion of 29 Palms and use it to start paying down some of the ridiculous national deficit we have gotten ourselves into.

Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-04242:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04243

Comment ID: N-04243
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04243:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-04244:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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Comment ID: N-04245
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

First I must begin by thanking the Marine Corps for their service to our country.

The executive summary of the DEIS on the Expansion of 29 Palms states that the Marine Corps has a requirement to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire, and maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Air Ground Task Force, and the existing facilities are inadequate.

However, I have found many current documents from the Marine Corps stating that the role of the Marine Corps is changing. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is even quoted saying, "The nation does not need a second land army, but rather forces that can deploy quickly and sustain themselves for a short period of time."

In the fall of 2010, the Marine Corps conducted a Force Structure Review (FSR) to evaluate and refine the organization, posture and capabilities required of America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness in a post Operation Enduring Freedom security environment.

In a document dated March 14th, 2010, entitled "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness, Report of the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review Group" it clearly states that the 21st century Marine Corps force structure "must provide a strategically mobile, middleweight force optimized for rapid crisis response and forward presence."

The document further states that the Marine Corps will "Accept a degree of risk by reducing our active component capacity for conducting multiple, major sustained operations ashore."

The report states that the Marine Corps will be reshaped by reducing the end strength of the active component of the Marine Corps from 202,000 to approximately 186,800 following the completion of Marine Corps operations in Afghanistan.

This works out to:

A 13% reduction in ground combat forces
An 11% reduction in Infantry
A 20% reduction in cannon artillery
A 20% reduction in Armor

Response to Comment N-04245 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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A 16% reduction in fixed wing tactical aviation squadrons
A 9% reduction in logistics
A 7% reduction in Marines assigned to non-operational billets
And a 13% reduction in the civilian workforce.

Page four of the DEIS clearly states that the training requirement put forward as the reasoning to expand 29 Palms comes from a Marine strategy put forward in the year 2000.

With this new strategy and re-vamping of the Marine Corps from the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review group, the entire document must be discarded as it is based on outdated decisions and information.

In summary: in light of the changes in today's Marine Corps, the expansion of 29 Palms in not necessary.

Marines-Thank You but Please go East!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04245 (Page 2 of 2):

Comment ID: N-04246

Comment ID: N-04246
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

james leach

Response to Comment N-04246:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04247

Comment ID: N-04247
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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While I fully support the USMC, is this expansion really necessary with the current political situation? Do we still need to train Marines to fight on such a large scale?

Sincerely,

Skibyak Theodore

Response to Comment N-04247:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04248

Comment ID: N-04248
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Between dirt bikes and rock crawlers i spend almost all my spare time outdoors on trails like the ones offered at JV. It is trails like these that offer an alternative to drugs and gang violence. The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04248:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04249

Comment ID: N-04249
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04249:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04250

Comment ID: N-04250
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jason Osborne

Response to Comment N-04250:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04251

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04251:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04252

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04252:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04253

Comment ID: N-04253
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

In the planning of the expansion into Johnson Valley, the Marine Corps failed to take into consideration all the variables. The DOD budget and Nation Deficit impact on Project are but two of these considerations not taken into account.
It would be best if the expansion into Johnson Valley was rejected at this time until the plan and all its subsequent impacts is fully studied.

Sincerely,

Richard Wilson

Response to Comment N-04253:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-04254

Comment ID: N-04254
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04254:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04255

Comment ID: N-04255
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Robert Koester

Response to Comment N-04255:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04256

Comment ID: N-04256
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Chris van stolk

Response to Comment N-04256:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04257

Comment ID: N-04257
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

I have not seen evidence that the Corps has adequately analyzed the DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on the Project Viability of taking over the Johnson Valley area.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04257:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04258

Comment ID: N-04258
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04258:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04259

Comment ID: N-04259
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned that the Corps failed to analyze DOD budget and the national deficit impact on project viability.

Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04259:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04260

Comment ID: N-04260
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04260:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04261

Comment ID: N-04261
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04261:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04262

Comment ID: N-04262
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04262:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04263

Comment ID: N-04263
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04263:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04264

Comment ID: N-04264
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04264:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04265

Comment ID: N-04265
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

Matt Blevenue

Response to Comment N-04265:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04266

Comment ID: N-04266
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04266:

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04267 (Page 1 of 2)

Comment ID: N-04267
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Corps Failed to Analyze DOD Budget and National Deficit Impact on Project Viability.

First I must begin by thanking the Marine Corps for their service to our country.

The executive summary of the DEIS on the Expansion of 29 Palms states that the Marine Corps has a requirement to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire, and maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Air Ground Task Force, and the existing facilities are inadequate.

However, I have found many current documents from the Marine Corps stating that the role of the Marine Corps is changing. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is even quoted saying, "The nation does not need a second land army, but rather forces that can deploy quickly and sustain themselves for a short period of time."

In the fall of 2010, the Marine Corps conducted a Force Structure Review (FSR) to evaluate and refine the organization, posture and capabilities required of America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness in a post Operation Enduring Freedom security environment.

In a document dated March 14th, 2010, entitled "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness, Report of the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review Group" it clearly states that the 21st century Marine Corps force structure "must provide a strategically mobile, middleweight force optimized for rapid crisis response and forward presence."

The document further states that the Marine Corps will "Accept a degree of risk by reducing our active component capacity for conducting multiple, major sustained operations ashore."

The report states that the Marine Corps will be reshaped by reducing the end strength of the active component of the Marine Corps from 202,000 to approximately 186,800 following the completion of Marine Corps operations in Afghanistan.

This works out to:

A 13% reduction in ground combat forces
An 11% reduction in Infantry
A 20% reduction in cannon artillery
A 20% reduction in Armor
A 16% reduction in fixed wing tactical aviation squadrons

Response to Comment N-04267 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. Consideration of indirect effects of the Proposed Action on the DoD budget and the National Deficit are outside the scope of this EIS analysis.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action.

Comment ID: N-04267 (Page 2 of 2)

A 9% reduction in logistics
A 7% reduction in Marines assigned to non-operational billets
And a 13% reduction in the civilian workforce.

Page four of the DEIS clearly states that the training requirement put forward as the reasoning to expand 29 Palms comes from a Marine strategy put forward in the year 2000.

With this new strategy and re-vamping of the Marine Corps from the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review group, the entire document must be discarded as it is based on outdated decisions and information.

In summary: in light of the changes in today's Marine Corps, the expansion of 29 Palms in not necessary.

Marines-Thank You but Please go East!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04267 (Page 2 of 2):

Comment ID: N-04268

Comment ID: N-04268
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a great stress reliver and is how i met my boyfriend. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thorpughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04268:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04269

Comment ID: N-04269
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

james leach

Response to Comment N-04269:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04270

Comment ID: N-04270
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04270:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04271

Comment ID: N-04271
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04271:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04272

Comment ID: N-04272
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

As you know, awareness is not easy to come by. But once its clear what the OVH comunnity wants, one can see that it is only trying to uphold their history.

Don't destroy real American family livable history with your plans. Extend the public comment period please!

Sincerely,

Ben Gross

Response to Comment N-04272:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04273

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04273:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With many military vehicles traveling in Johnson Valley, many different fluids such as motor oil, ATF, Gear fluid, etc. may be spilled on the desert floor. The OHV community uses spill kits and lays tarps under vehicles in order to decrease the amount of fluids spilled. It is not addresses in the EIS if the marines will do this or not.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04274:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04275

Comment ID: N-04275
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04275:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04276

Comment ID: N-04276
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04276:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04277

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04277:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04278

Comment ID: N-04278
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04278:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04279

Comment ID: N-04279
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04279:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04280

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

rick aplet

Response to Comment N-04280:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04281:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04282:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04283:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04284

Comment ID: N-04284
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to ask that you please extend the current public comment period. The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents.

Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04284:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04285

Comment ID: N-04285
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Darrell Drummer
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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. The Marine Corps identified this area as a potential expansion over 10 years ago. The Marine Corps has been formally working on this expansion proposal since 2007.

The Public needs additional time to thoroughly review the EIS.

Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-04285:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04286

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period. Please give us time to read and comment on this expansion. Unfortunately many of us work full time and have families so time is valuable and its not always easy to get away to read these documents.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-04286:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04287

Comment ID: N-04287
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The amount of time provided for the public comment period is too short for the public to go thoroughly over the documents. Please extend the current public comment period.

Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04287:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps has kept the public informed as required by NEPA, including holding public scoping meetings before preparation of the Draft EIS, additional public meetings during the public review period for the Draft EIS, and encouraging the public to comment on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Marine Corps provided a 90-day public comment period for the Draft EIS, twice the minimum duration required by NEPA. The Marine Corps took additional steps to make the document publicly accessible for review and comment (e.g., project website, mailings, press releases, etc.). The Marine Corps has proactively reached out to interested stakeholders to ensure that their concerns were identified.

Comment ID: N-04288

Comment ID: N-04288
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a great stress reliver and is how i met my boyfriend. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04288:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04289

Comment ID: N-04289
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClaine
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To Whom It May Concern:

Between dirt bikes and rock crawlers i spend almost all my spare time outdoors on trails like the ones offered at JV. It is trails like these that offer an alternative to drugs and gang violence. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04289:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04290

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Marine Corp considers expansion into Johnson Valley, the concern over fire should be taken into account. With the abundance of dry vegetation in Johnson Valley, the risk of raging fires is a real possibility. As they will be using live fire rounds, these rounds have the potential of starting wild fires that may rage out of control.
I would like to request that the Marine Corp seriously consider other alternatives to the expansion West into Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Richard Wilson

Response to Comment N-04290:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04291

Comment ID: N-04291
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04291:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04292

Comment ID: N-04292
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Dan McClune
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ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-04292:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04293

Comment ID: N-04293
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Crystal Charpentier
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-04293:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04294

Comment ID: N-04294
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04294:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04295

Comment ID: N-04295
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04295:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04296

Comment ID: N-04296
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Robert Koester

Response to Comment N-04296:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04297

Comment ID: N-04297
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Peter Anacabe
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased. This will danger the neighboring communities and put thousands of lives at risk. I don't believe the military would want to be responsible if something of this magnitude were to occur.

Sincerely,

Peter Anacabe

Response to Comment N-04297:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04298

Comment ID: N-04298
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris van stolk
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Chris van stolk

Response to Comment N-04298:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04299

Comment ID: N-04299
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. judy johnson
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04299:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04300

Comment ID: N-04300
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04300:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04301

Comment ID: N-04301
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Jason Mazala
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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04301:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04302

Comment ID: N-04302
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04302:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04303

Comment ID: N-04303
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04303:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04304

Comment ID: N-04304
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With all the dry vegetation in Johnson Valley and the use of live fire rounds, the possibility of a fire raging out of control in Johnson Valley will be greatly increased.

Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04304:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.4 of the EIS, the environment within the acquisition study areas is similar to that of the existing Combat Center, where wildland fires have not posed a substantial problem due to infrequent occurrence, timely emergency response, low levels of fuel, and strict use of Best Management Practices. Existing emergency response procedures would be applied to acquired land areas. In addition, current procedures for fire management and response contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would be extended to any acquired lands.

Comment ID: N-04305

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-04305:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Marines-Thank You but Please go East!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV ia very important to the off road comunity. The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-04308:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

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Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04309:

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Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04310:

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Comment ID: N-04311

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04311:

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Sincerely,

Jeff Hughes

Response to Comment N-04312:

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To Whom It May Concern:

With the great popularity of the KOH race, the OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers and the race provides a significant marketing opportunity for these companies.

Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-04313:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-04314

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Former Marines are opposed to this expansion!

The OHV industry in itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. Currently many companies test products there in events such as the King of the Hammers.

Sincerely,

Kyle Irvin

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Sincerely,

Robert Koester

Response to Comment N-04315:

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Comment ID: N-04316

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chris van stolk

Response to Comment N-04316:

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV industry itself would take a huge hit if Johnson Valley were to be taken over by the Marines. The Johnson Valley has proven it's self to be the testing center for many of our industries top products. Products tested at such events as the "King of the Hammers".

Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04319:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.3 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational spending.

Comment ID: N-04320

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Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

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Comment ID: N-04321

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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lauren goldenstien

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Mike

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-04326 (Page 2 of 2):

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-04327:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Carson Rubenstien

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04330:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04331:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training that was done during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use." Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public and expose them to an increased potential danger from ordinance.

Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-04332:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04333

Comment ID: N-04333
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04333:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-04334 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Comment ID: N-04334 (Page 2 of 2)

Response to Comment N-04334 (Page 2 of 2):

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04335:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Robert Koester

Response to Comment N-04336:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Chris van stolk

Response to Comment N-04337:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04338:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04339:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04340:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04341:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04342:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-04343

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Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04343:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. Even today, live shells are found occasionally in Johnson valley from training during WWII. With a large amount of ordinance being dropped in the area, the Marines may make Johnson Valley un-usable for many years to come if it is ever re-released to the public. This is also an issue with "shared use."

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04344:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04345:

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Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-04346:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04347:

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

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First I must begin by thanking the Marine Corps for their service to our country.

The executive summary of the DEIS on the Expansion of 29 Palms states that the Marine Corps has a requirement to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire, and maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Air Ground Task Force, and the existing facilities are inadequate.

However, I have found many current documents from the Marine Corps stating that the role of the Marine Corps is changing. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is even quoted saying, "The nation does not need a second land army, but rather forces that can deploy quickly and sustain themselves for a short period of time."

In the fall of 2010, the Marine Corps conducted a Force Structure Review (FSR) to evaluate and refine the organization, posture and capabilities required of America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness in a post Operation Enduring Freedom security environment.

In a document dated March 14th, 2010, entitled "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness, Report of the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review Group" it clearly states that the 21st century Marine Corps force structure "must provide a strategically mobile, middleweight force optimized for rapid crisis response and forward presence."

The document further states that the Marine Corps will "Accept a degree of risk by reducing our active component capacity for conducting multiple, major sustained operations ashore."

The report states that the Marine Corps will be reshaped by reducing the end strength of the active component of the Marine Corps from 202,000 to approximately 186,800 following the completion of Marine Corps operations in Afghanistan.

This works out to:

A 13% reduction in ground combat forces
An 11% reduction in Infantry

Response to Comment N-04348 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

Comment ID: N-04348 (Page 2 of 2)

A 20% reduction in cannon artillery
A 20% reduction in Armor
A 16% reduction in fixed wing tactical aviation squadrons
A 9% reduction in logistics
A 7% reduction in Marines assigned to non-operational billets
And a 13% reduction in the civilian workforce.

Page four of the DEIS clearly states that the training requirement put forward as the reasoning to expand 29 Palms comes from a Marine strategy put forward in the year 2000.

With this new strategy and re-vamping of the Marine Corps from the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review group, the entire document must be discarded as it is based on outdated decisions and information.

In summary: in light of the changes in today's Marine Corps, the expansion of 29 Palms in not necessary.

Marines-Thank You but Please go East!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04348 (Page 2 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The OHV area called JV ia very important to the off road comunity. Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Tyler Gowans

Response to Comment N-04349:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Comment ID: N-04350
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Between dirt bikes and rock crawlers i spend almost all my spare time outdoors on trails like the ones offered at JV. It is trails like these that offer an alternative to drugs and gang violence. Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04352:

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Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-04353:

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.
Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-04354:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

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Sincerely,

Chris van stolk

Response to Comment N-04356:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04357:

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04358:

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-04359:

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04360:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04361:

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Comment ID: N-04362

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Thomas Brown

Response to Comment N-04362:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. Currently there are many "routes" in Johnson valley, along with many OHV trails. To this day, there are craters in the desert left over from training during WWII, many of which pose a danger to OHV enthusiasts. With Marines training in the area dropping ordinance, many of these routes will be damaged. This problem has not been addressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04363:

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Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04364:

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Sincerely,

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First I must begin by thanking the Marine Corps for their service to our country.

The executive summary of the DEIS on the Expansion of 29 Palms states that the Marine Corps has a requirement to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire, and maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Air Ground Task Force, and the existing facilities are inadequate.

However, I have found many current documents from the Marine Corps stating that the role of the Marine Corps is changing. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is even quoted saying, "The nation does not need a second land army, but rather forces that can deploy quickly and sustain themselves for a short period of time."

In the fall of 2010, the Marine Corps conducted a Force Structure Review (FSR) to evaluate and refine the organization, posture and capabilities required of America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness in a post Operation Enduring Freedom security environment.

In a document dated March 14th, 2010, entitled "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness, Report of the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review Group" it clearly states that the 21st century Marine Corps force structure "must provide a strategically mobile, middleweight force optimized for rapid crisis response and forward presence. "

The document further states that the Marine Corps will "Accept a degree of risk by reducing our active component capacity for conducting multiple, major sustained operations ashore."

The report states that the Marine Corps will be reshaped by reducing the end strength of the active component of the Marine Corps from 202,000 to approximately 186,800 following the completion of Marine Corps operations in Afghanistan.

This works out to:

A 13% reduction in ground combat forces
An 11% reduction in Infantry

Response to Comment N-04366 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. As described in Section 4.12 of the EIS, the same programs and procedures that apply to current training activities to avoid and minimize impacts to soils at the Combat Center (e.g., tank traps, foxholes, trenches, and obstacles would be filled and graded when training exercises are completed) would be extended to any lands acquired under the proposed action. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6 to prepare the Restricted Public Access Area for public use (refer to Section 2.5 of the EIS).

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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A 20% reduction in cannon artillery
A 20% reduction in Armor
A 16% reduction in fixed wing tactical aviation squadrons
A 9% reduction in logistics
A 7% reduction in Marines assigned to non-operational billets
And a 13% reduction in the civilian workforce.

Page four of the DEIS clearly states that the training requirement put forward as the reasoning to expand 29 Palms comes from a Marine strategy put forward in the year 2000.

With this new strategy and re-vamping of the Marine Corps from the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review group, the entire document must be discarded as it is based on outdated decisions and information.

In summary: in light of the changes in today's Marine Corps, the expansion of 29 Palms in not necessary.

Marines-Thank You but Please go East!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04366 (Page 2 of 2):

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a great stress reliver and is how i met my boyfriend. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04367:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

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Comment ID: N-04368
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Between dirt bikes and rock crawlers i spend almost all my spare time outdoors on trails like the ones offered at JV. It is trails like these that offer an alternative to drugs and gang violence. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04368:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Previous military use is already apparent in the area. If the military continues to destroy the natural environment in the area it would be a shame. It would also not allow the area to reopen for OHV use after the military is finished with it due to the effects of military activities.

Sincerely,

Peter Anacabe

Response to Comment N-04370:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

As outlined in Section 3.4, Combat Center Order 3500.4h SOP for Range/Training Area and Airspace provides guidance for training range operations, which includes routine range sweeps to remove safety hazards and range clearance operations following every exercise. The Marine Corps would continue these same procedures on any acquired land area. In addition, the Marine Corps proposed several measures (such as use of non dud-producing ordnance, range weep, and range clearance) that would be implemented under Alternatives 4, 5 or 6 that would allow the Restricted Public Access Area to be available for public use (refer to Section 2.5.3 of the EIS).

Comment ID: N-04371

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Jason Osborne

Response to Comment N-04371:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04372

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04372:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04373

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04373:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04374

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have only known about the offroad sport/industry for a little over 2 years,since I've been with my husband.In that short amount of time I have seen what kind of impact OHV park closures have on the local community,families,and anyone else who is into camping,hiking,wheeling,atvs,and anything else the area has to offer.
I have seen small family businesses close due to no customers,all caused by park closures.
I have seen some local wilderness torn up by illegal wheeling due to lack of public lands designated to OHV use.These are just a couple of MANY things affected by land closures.
From what I understand the marines have a choice of expanding to the east.I beg to you to please strongly look into this option.Johnson Valley is a HUGE attraction to thousand and thousands of people every year who travel across the country just to join in the activities and beauty that the area has to offer.

beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Crystal Charpentier

Response to Comment N-04374:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates socioeconomic impacts under each of the action alternatives (see Section 4.3). As noted in the EIS, there is expected to be a direct economic impact to individual small businesses that are dependent on limited recreational visitor spending and direct regional impacts from lost sales and tax revenue related to reduced recreational and film industry spending.

As discussed in the EIS, implementation of the proposed action is likely to result in an increase in illegal riding in the form of trespass on BLM, state, or private lands (refer to Section 4.2). The potential for such illegal riding has been considered in the EIS; including potential adverse impacts on the Desert Tortoise (see Section 4.10). The EIS also evaluates several special conservation measures (refer to Section 4.2.2.1) to reduce these potentially significant impacts. Additional information regarding the potential for illegal OHV use has been added to Section 4.2.

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The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04375

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one of the many reason thousands of people flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04375:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04376

Comment ID: N-04376
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04376:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04377

Comment ID: N-04377
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Robert Koester

Response to Comment N-04377:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04378

Comment ID: N-04378
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Eric Hubbard

Response to Comment N-04378:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04379

Comment ID: N-04379
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04379:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04380

Comment ID: N-04380
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands people flock to the area every year - OHV users, hikers, rock hounds, the film industry, bird watchers, campers, picnickers, explorers, and others choose to use the area for camping, exploring, rock hounding, shooting, as well as other uses. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will destroy the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04380:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04381

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04381:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04382

Comment ID: N-04382
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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04382:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04383

Comment ID: N-04383
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04383:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04384

Comment ID: N-04384
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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04384:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04385

Comment ID: N-04385
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area. Throw in the destruction from tracked vehicles and the amount of troops required to use the training area and the Valley would be completely destroyed.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-04385:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04386

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Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04386:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

Comment ID: N-04387

Comment ID: N-04387
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04387:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

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Comment ID: N-04388
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The beauty of Johnson Valley is one reason thousands of OHV enthusiasts flock to the area every year. Military operations, including the dropping of shells and the like, will distract from the natural beauty of the area.

First I must begin by thanking the Marine Corps for their service to our country.

The executive summary of the DEIS on the Expansion of 29 Palms states that the Marine Corps has a requirement to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire, and maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Air Ground Task Force, and the existing facilities are inadequate.

However, I have found many current documents from the Marine Corps stating that the role of the Marine Corps is changing. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is even quoted saying, "The nation does not need a second land army, but rather forces that can deploy quickly and sustain themselves for a short period of time."

In the fall of 2010, the Marine Corps conducted a Force Structure Review (FSR) to evaluate and refine the organization, posture and capabilities required of America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness in a post Operation Enduring Freedom security environment.

In a document dated March 14th, 2010, entitled "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness, Report of the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review Group" it clearly states that the 21st century Marine Corps force structure "must provide a strategically mobile, middleweight force optimized for rapid crisis response and forward presence."

The document further states that the Marine Corps will "Accept a degree of risk by reducing our active component capacity for conducting multiple, major sustained operations ashore."

The report states that the Marine Corps will be reshaped by reducing the end strength of the active component of the Marine Corps from 202,000 to approximately 186,800 following the completion of Marine Corps operations in Afghanistan.

This works out to:

A 13% reduction in ground combat forces
An 11% reduction in Infantry
A 20% reduction in cannon artillery

Response to Comment N-04388 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates visual impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.5 of the EIS) and acknowledges the impact to viewsheds in the Johnson Valley OHV area. As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to visual resources for any alternative selected.

As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a current Marine Corps training requirement. In addition to the high deployment tempo in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Marine Corps must maintain high proficiency for other vital Marine Corps missions, including combined arms maneuver at the MEB level. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces. Currently, the Combat Center can only accommodate live-fire and maneuver training for up to two battalion task forces. Additional land area is needed to ensure adequate separation distances for operation of the three battalions required for MEB-sized training.

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A 20% reduction in Armor
A 16% reduction in fixed wing tactical aviation squadrons
A 9% reduction in logistics
A 7% reduction in Marines assigned to non-operational billets
And a 13% reduction in the civilian workforce.

Page four of the DEIS clearly states that the training requirement put forward as the reasoning to expand 29 Palms comes from a Marine strategy put forward in the year 2000.

With this new strategy and re-vamping of the Marine Corps from the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review group, the entire document must be discarded as it is based on outdated decisions and information.

In summary: in light of the changes in today's Marine Corps, the expansion of 29 Palms in not necessary.

Marines-Thank You but Please go East!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04388 (Page 2 of 2):

Comment ID: N-04389

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04389:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04390

Comment ID: N-04390
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-04390:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04391

Comment ID: N-04391
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ray Detrick

Response to Comment N-04391:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04392

Comment ID: N-04392
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. The OHV community works harder then any other group to responsibly enjoy public lands. Please keep this in mind and consider moving east.

Sincerely,

Kevin Thrash

Response to Comment N-04392:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-04393

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Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04393:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04394

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Rod Mead

Response to Comment N-04394:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04395

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Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04395:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04396

Comment ID: N-04396
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

rick aplet

Response to Comment N-04396:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04397

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Please keep public land public and support the right for all american to access public lands including johnson valley

Sincerely,

jim busch

Response to Comment N-04397:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04398

Comment ID: N-04398
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Lance Scott

Response to Comment N-04398:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04399

Comment ID: N-04399
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. The areas in question are home to traditions and sports that cannot or would be very difficult to relocate. I cannot tell you enough how devistated some of my family and friends will be to loose Johnson valley as a vacation destination. This will definetly leave a bad taste in the mouth of all affected. There must be an alternative.

Sincerely,

Sebastian Draeger

Response to Comment N-04399:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04400

Comment ID: N-04400
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Kevin Eastburn

Response to Comment N-04400:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04401

Comment ID: N-04401
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04401:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04402

Comment ID: N-04402
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04402:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04403

Comment ID: N-04403
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04403:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04404

Comment ID: N-04404
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Thomas Brown

Response to Comment N-04404:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04405

Comment ID: N-04405
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Schutt
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been following the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions mainly because Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as THE prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race and YEARS of other important events.

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, the public lands that are open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley - a premier location - will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV users without a suitable replacement. An in-depth study on the effects of the closure to the OHV community needs to be done. Johnson Valley is SACRED GROUND to our sport and our way of life; please do not take it from us!

I do understand the need for training areas for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04405:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04406

Comment ID: N-04406
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04406:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04407

Comment ID: N-04407
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Clifford Volz

Response to Comment N-04407:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04408

Comment ID: N-04408
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

I live an an alternative OHV area and have seen the effects of continuing limitations on the community. It exacerbates the environmental impacts in all other OHV areas when an area the size and scope of Johnson Vally is removed from the bank of available recreation options.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Minor

Response to Comment N-04408:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04409

Comment ID: N-04409
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an increasingly alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. Please do not let this area be closed, as it will be added to the losses of land that my family and I can go and play and enjoy the wilderness. Thanks

Sincerely,

Greg Dexter

Response to Comment N-04409:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04410

Comment ID: N-04410
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

By expanding into Johnson Valley, you are eroding the freedoms that you have dedicated your life to defending.

Sincerely,

Erick Larsen

Response to Comment N-04410:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04411

Comment ID: N-04411
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. It seems every day more and more trails are being taken away, and its not fair to us taxpaying citizens that we don't get the opportuntiy to use the publicly funded lands.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Pearl

Response to Comment N-04411:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04412

Comment ID: N-04412
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04412:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04413

Comment ID: N-04413
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support our Marines but find it terrible to thing that the personal freedoms they fight for may cause me to lose the freedom I have to recreate in JV OHV area.
Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done in order to fully understand the impact this loss would have.
Please look elsewhere and leave this public land for use by the public.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-04413:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04414

Comment ID: N-04414
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Stephen Stewart

Response to Comment N-04414:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04415

Comment ID: N-04415
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04415:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04416

Comment ID: N-04416
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04416:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04417

Comment ID: N-04417
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hughes

Response to Comment N-04417:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04418

Comment ID: N-04418
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04418:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04419

Comment ID: N-04419
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Between dirt bikes and rock crawlers i spend almost all my spare time outdoors on trails like the ones offered at JV. It is trails like these that offer an alternative to drugs and gang violence. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04419:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04420

Comment ID: N-04420
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Ms. Carson Rubenstien
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a great stress reliver and is how i met my boyfriend. Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04420:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04421

Comment ID: N-04421
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. I have been trying to transfer for my job to the great state of California and hope to have a place to enjoy the use of OHV lands in the state that I will live in.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Chapin

Response to Comment N-04421:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04422

Comment ID: N-04422
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Skibyak Theodore

Response to Comment N-04422:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Comment ID: N-04423

Comment ID: N-04423
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done. OHV is one of those activities that help keep kids off the street and out in nature with there parents. Its a family event that many families enjoy and can share together. People a safe place to enjoy their activities and with all the OHV areas being closed the OHV enthusiasts have fewer places to go.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-04423:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

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Comment ID: N-04424
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Despite the massive increase of OHV enthusiasts in the United States, The public lands open to them are closing at an alarming rate due to route designation and Wilderness areas. The loss of Johnson Valley will further add to the cumulative loss to OHV. An in-depth study on the effects of the OHV community needs to be done.

First I must begin by thanking the Marine Corps for their service to our country.

The executive summary of the DEIS on the Expansion of 29 Palms states that the Marine Corps has a requirement to provide sustained, combined-arms, live-fire, and maneuver training for a Marine Expeditionary Brigade sized Air Ground Task Force, and the existing facilities are inadequate.

However, I have found many current documents from the Marine Corps stating that the role of the Marine Corps is changing. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is even quoted saying, "The nation does not need a second land army, but rather forces that can deploy quickly and sustain themselves for a short period of time."

In the fall of 2010, the Marine Corps conducted a Force Structure Review (FSR) to evaluate and refine the organization, posture and capabilities required of America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness in a post Operation Enduring Freedom security environment.

In a document dated March 14th, 2010, entitled "Reshaping America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness, Report of the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review Group" it clearly states that the 21st century Marine Corps force structure "must provide a strategically mobile, middleweight force optimized for rapid crisis response and forward presence."

The document further states that the Marine Corps will "Accept a degree of risk by reducing our active component capacity for conducting multiple, major sustained operations ashore."

The report states that the Marine Corps will be reshaped by reducing the end strength of the active component of the Marine Corps from 202,000 to approximately 186,800 following the completion of Marine Corps operations in Afghanistan.

This works out to:

A 13% reduction in ground combat forces
An 11% reduction in Infantry

Response to Comment N-04424 (Page 1 of 2):

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the trend in availability of OHV land and has considered the loss of OHV land over time in Chapter 5 under cumulative impacts to Recreation (see Section 5.4.2 of the EIS). The EIS finds that the loss of availability of OHV land would be a significant impact under the proposed action as well as a significant cumulative impact.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. As described in Section 1.3 of the EIS, the purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill a Marine Corps training requirement. In November 2006, the Marine Corps validated the need to establish a large-scale training area for live fire and maneuver training of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) composed of three battalion task forces.

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A 20% reduction in cannon artillery
A 20% reduction in Armor
A 16% reduction in fixed wing tactical aviation squadrons
A 9% reduction in logistics
A 7% reduction in Marines assigned to non-operational billets
And a 13% reduction in the civilian workforce.

Page four of the DEIS clearly states that the training requirement put forward as the reasoning to expand 29 Palms comes from a Marine strategy put forward in the year 2000.

With this new strategy and re-vamping of the Marine Corps from the 2010 Marine Corps Force Structure Review group, the entire document must be discarded as it is based on outdated decisions and information.

In summary: in light of the changes in today's Marine Corps, the expansion of 29 Palms in not necessary.

Marines-Thank You but Please go East!

Mike

Sincerely,

Mike Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04424 (Page 2 of 2):

Comment ID: N-04425

Comment ID: N-04425
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04425:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04426

Comment ID: N-04426
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

People wander in the desert. It is fun to explore. People currently wander onto the existing 29 Palms base.

Many more people would wander onto an expanded 29 Palms if the base expands into an area that the public has been long accustomed to using.

The public does not much use the area East of 29 Palms. This area would be ideal from a safety standpoint for a base expansion.

Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-04426:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Public comments on the Draft EIS are an important part of the decision-making process. This information becomes part of the Final EIS and will be evaluated by the Department of the Navy during its decision process. Ultimately, Congress will make the final decision about proceeding with the proposed action. The Marine Corps appreciates your comment and involvement in the NEPA process.

Comment ID: N-04427

Comment ID: N-04427
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. It would take years for the general public to realize that the area is closed and the amount of injures could be huge.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-04427:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04428

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04428:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04429

Comment ID: N-04429
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

As it is currently, the Marines find members of general public wandering into 29 Palms by accident. If allowed, this expansion would greatly increase as this area has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04429:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04430

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04430:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04431

Comment ID: N-04431
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I love to ride my dirt bike all over and see the beautiful land open to the public. It is what make america so great. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04431:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04432

Comment ID: N-04432
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

rick aplet

Response to Comment N-04432:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04433

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Thomas Brown

Response to Comment N-04433:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04434

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04434:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04435

Comment ID: N-04435
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Chris Schutt
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

Johnson Valley is known throughout the world as a prime off-highway area - home to the famed King of the Hammers race.

Not only during the KOH race, but throughout the year, off-highway and other recreational uses brings thousands of users to the area. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04435:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04436

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04436:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04437

Comment ID: N-04437
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04437:

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Comment ID: N-04438

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Eric Hubbard

Response to Comment N-04438:

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Comment ID: N-04439

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Johnson Valley has been open to the public for many years and the use of it's land is almost assumed at this moment. Many who are used to using the area for legal off highway vehicle recreation may accidentally venture into a live fire excercise and be harmed. Moving east, to a vastly unused section of geography, is the only reasonable option.

Sincerely,

Kyle Crowley

Response to Comment N-04439:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

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Comment ID: N-04440

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04440:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04441

Comment ID: N-04441
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04441:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04442

Comment ID: N-04442
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Michael Maskalans

Response to Comment N-04442:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04443

Comment ID: N-04443
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mrs. Joanne Gray
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To Whom It May Concern:

Offroading is a positive activity that promotes out doors healty activity as well as the study of engineering and math. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gray

Response to Comment N-04443:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04444

Comment ID: N-04444
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support our Marines but find it terrible to thing that the personal freedoms they fight for may cause me to lose the freedom I have to recreate in JV OHV area.
Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.
Please look elsewhere to areas that don't have such a high public use as of now to avoid any safety problems with Marine training.

Sincerely,

Brad Buter

Response to Comment N-04444:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04445

Comment ID: N-04445
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04445:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04446

Comment ID: N-04446
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04446:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04447

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hughes

Response to Comment N-04447:

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Comment ID: N-04448

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Jason Osborne

Response to Comment N-04448:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04449

Comment ID: N-04449
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04449:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04450

Comment ID: N-04450
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Between dirt bikes and rock crawlers I spend almost all my spare time outdoors on trails like the ones offered at JV. It is trails like these that offer an alternative to drugs and gang violence. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04450:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04451

Comment ID: N-04451
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a great stress reliver and is how i met my boyfriend. Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public.

Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04451:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the importance of Johnson Valley for recreation and the EIS analysis finds that acquisition of land within Johnson Valley would cause a significant impact to recreation, even under alternatives involving restricted public access to acquired areas. Under each of the action alternatives, many of the current recreational opportunities and uses would continue to be available within specific portions of Johnson Valley and during various portions of the year.

The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04452

Comment ID: N-04452
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

Currently the Marines find many of the general public wandering accidentally into 29 Palms. This number would greatly increase if 29 Palms expands into an area that has long been open to the public. Public safety should be a top concern. How much security will be needed to keep people out of unauthorized areas? I'm sure the USMC would like their privacy in certain areas of their compound as well.

Sincerely,

Charles Weiss

Response to Comment N-04452:

Thank you for your comment. The Marine Corps understands the public's concern in regards to safety on lands used by the Marine Corps for training purposes. Section 2.5 of the EIS outlines the measures that would be implemented under Alternative 4, 5, or 6. Included are a series of communication and notification procedures (modeled after BLM's management plan for Johnson Valley) that would be implemented to increase public awareness, as well as pre- and post-exercise range control and management procedures that would enhance public safety.

Comment ID: N-04453

Comment ID: N-04453
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04453:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04454

Comment ID: N-04454
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. Darrell Drummer
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

Responsible OHV users know that airing down our tires gives us better flotation in soft sand, and better grip on rocks.

We also find that our aired-down tires do little damage to the desert floor.

The EIS fails to note whether wheeled military vehicles will be similarly aired-down for less impact to the desert floor, and fails to note that using tracked vehicles will absolutely have a greater impact on the desert floor.

Sincerely,

Darrell Drummer

Response to Comment N-04454:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04455

Comment ID: N-04455
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04455:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04456

Comment ID: N-04456
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use. The destruction that tracked vehicles cause will take years and years for nature to erase, if it is even possible at all.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-04456:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04457

Comment ID: N-04457
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04457:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04458

Comment ID: N-04458
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

rick aplet

Response to Comment N-04458:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04459

Comment ID: N-04459
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04459:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04460

Comment ID: N-04460
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04460:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04461

Comment ID: N-04461
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04461:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04462

Comment ID: N-04462
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

The impact of tracked vehicles on the desert floor of Johnson valley will be severe. OHV vehciles use rubber tires that are aired down and have much less impact. The erosion that the tracked vehicles would have a permant effect on the desert.

Sincerely,

John McGrady

Response to Comment N-04462:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04463

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. David Elliott
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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04463:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04464

Comment ID: N-04464
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
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San Diego, CA 92132-5190

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been aware of the proposed expansion of the 932-square-mile Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and the plan to take over more than two-thirds of the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area for live-ammunition training missions.

OHV vehicles are generally on rubber tires and stay to specific trails. Many times these tires are aired down and do little to no damage to the desert floor. With the military using tracked vehicles, the desert floor will be torn up much more than from OHV use.

I understand the need for training for our US military and have the utmost respect and support for our Armed Forces. However, I feel that there are other areas that could be utilized for training that will not have such a great impact as the impact on the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04464:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04465

Comment ID: N-04465
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04465:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Osborne

Response to Comment N-04466:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04467

Comment ID: N-04467
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Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04467:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04468

Comment ID: N-04468
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Dan McClaine

Response to Comment N-04468:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04469

Comment ID: N-04469
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Carson Rubenstien

Response to Comment N-04469:

Thank you for your comment. The EIS evaluates geological impacts under each of the action alternatives (refer to Section 4.12 of the EIS). As noted in the EIS, there would be less than significant impacts to soils from military vehicle operations, ordnance delivery, and infantry training.

Comment ID: N-04470

Comment ID: N-04470
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. joe aplet
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04470:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-04471

Comment ID: N-04471
Date Received: May 25, 2011

Mr. joe aplet
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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

joe aplet

Response to Comment N-04471:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-04472

Comment ID: N-04472
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley. Not only dust but oil/coolant and other fluids that would leak from the vehicles can cause ground water contamination.

Sincerely,

Tim Oliva

Response to Comment N-04472:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

The Marine Corps is committed to protection of the public and the environment. Therefore, use of spill kits and drip pans is a Standard Operating Procedure. Section 4.4.2.3 of the EIS discusses the management of hazardous materials and wastes under the proposed action. Under any land acquisition scenario, current procedures for spill prevention, containment, cleanup, and management of hazardous wastes (including motor oil, gear fluid, etc.) would be implemented as outlined in Combat Center Order 5090.1D and environmental Standard Operating Procedures.

Comment ID: N-04473

Comment ID: N-04473
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04473:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

Comment ID: N-04474

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Matt Bievenue

Response to Comment N-04474:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-04475

Comment ID: N-04475
Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04475:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

lauren goldenstien

Response to Comment N-04476:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04477:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Brianne Mundinger

Response to Comment N-04478:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04479:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

Jason Mazala

Response to Comment N-04480:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Sincerely,

Chris Schutt

Response to Comment N-04481:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04482:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Susan Buckner

Response to Comment N-04483:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04484:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04485:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

judy johnson

Response to Comment N-04486:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Chris van stolk

Response to Comment N-04487:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-04488:

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Robert Koester

Response to Comment N-04489:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

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Response to Comment N-04490:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

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Sincerely,

David Elliott

Response to Comment N-04491:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

Mark Aplet

Response to Comment N-04492:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of which are diesel, traveling through Johnson Valley the carbon footprint of military training will be massive.

After so many years of the pressed importance of packing it in and packing it out and responsible land use, especially in the far reaches of Johnson Valley the Marine Corps inundating the area with unregulated emissions and destroying what we have worked so hard to protect even through our own use would be catastrophic.

Sincerely,

Kyle Crowley

Response to Comment N-04493:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed training exercises would increase emissions of GHGs, as presented in Section 5.4.8 of the EIS. However, the efforts by the Marine Corps and DoN to implement broad-based programs to reduce energy consumption and use renewable and alternative fuels would somewhat offset these emission increases.

Comment ID: N-04494

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To Whom It May Concern:

Off roading is a hobby for many americans that allows them to get out and enjoy nature and keep fit. With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Dan McClune

Response to Comment N-04494:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Hitchcock

Response to Comment N-04495:

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Response to Comment N-04496:

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Date Received: May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04497:

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Sincerely,

Shaun Bootsma

Response to Comment N-04498:

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Comment ID: N-04499

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Stewart

Response to Comment N-04499:

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Comment ID: N-04500

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To Whom It May Concern:

With massive amounts of military vehicles, many of them tracked vehicles; the dust from military maneuvers will greatly affect the air quality in the area. I know that dust and high winds are a large issue during the KOH race. While the documents say that water trucks will be used to suppress dust, it is impossible to water down the entire Johnson Valley.

Sincerely,

Tyler DeSpain

Response to Comment N-04500:

Thank you for your comment. It is acknowledged that the proposed training exercises will generate substantial amounts of fugitive dust, as shown in the EIS tables that present estimations of air emissions for each project alternative. The EIS dispersion modeling analyses determined that fugitive dust emissions would produce less than significant impacts to ambient PM10 levels for Alternatives 1, 2, and 4-6. However, Alternative 3 would contribute to an exceedance of the national ambient air quality standard for PM10. The EIS only proposes to control fugitive dust emissions from proposed construction activities, as it would be infeasible to control fugitive dust generated from the proposed training exercises.