

Johnson Valley

Twentynine Palms Marine Base Expansion



Issue:

The Marines are proposing to expand their base at Twentynine Palms and are looking at the Johnson Valley Open Area as an area into which to expand their training area.

Potential Impact:

An expansion into the Johnson Valley open area would have adverse impacts on the local economies. Johnson Valley is a widely used “multi-use” area supporting activities ranging from OHV use, to movie production, and model rocketry. World famous trails such as the “Hammers” would be closed. Many recreational opportunities would be permanently lost.

CA4WDC Position:

The California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC) is strongly opposed to the Marine expansion into the Johnson Valley Open area and the loss of recreation opportunities that would result. CA4WDC would support an eastward expansion of the base into the Bristol Dry Lake and the Cadiz Valley. An eastward expansion would have less of an impact on recreation opportunities.

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