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Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: 03/18/2017 AND 03/19/2017

TYPE OF INCIDENT: TRAFFIC PLAN FOR CHINA LAKE AIRSHOW

The China Lake Air Show featuring the US Navy Blue Angels is scheduled for 03/18/2017 and 03/19/2017. Refer to chinalakeairshow.com for full details. This event will cause traffic congestion, detours, and delays in entering and exiting NAWS-China Lake.

Please refer to the traffic information below for planning your route to the event.

Entry/Ingress:

Local Traffic:

Local traffic should use east/west streets to access Downs St. Proceed north on Downs St. until reaching W. Inyokern Rd. Turn right (east) onto W. Inyokern Rd and proceed with the traffic control onto NAWS-China Lake.

Out of Town Traffic:

Traffic arriving from northbound US-395 should continue north past S. China Lake Blvd. (initial Ridgecrest entry) and continue north until reaching W. Inyokern Rd. (SR-178). At W. Inyokern Rd., turn right (east) and proceed with the traffic control onto NAWS-China Lake.

Traffic arriving from southbound US-395 should exit at W. Inyokern Rd. (SR-178). At W. Inyokern Rd., turn left (east) and proceed with the traffic control onto NAWS-China Lake.

Traffic arriving from northbound Hwy-14 should exit at SR-178 (W. Inyokern Rd.) and proceed east through Inyokern, CA. Continue east and proceed with the traffic control onto NAWS-China Lake.

Exit/Egress:

During the Air Show, the single exit will be the Burroughs High School gate which will have you exiting NAWS-China Lake near the intersection of E. French Ave. and E. Drummond Ave.

At the conclusion of the Air Show event, there will be two primary exit routes. One route will have you exiting NAWS-China Lake westbound on W. Inyokern Rd. (SR-178). The second route will have you exiting through

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the Burroughs High School gate and subsequently turning right (west) onto W. Drummond Ave. These exits are determined by your exit point from the Air Show parking area as directed by Air Show staff.

****Note****

Several road closures and detours will exist due to Air Show traffic. N. China Lake Blvd. will be closed for northbound traffic at Ward Ave. until W. Inyokern Rd. A detour route is available and will be marked.

At the conclusion of the Air Show, N. China Lake Blvd. will be closed for southbound traffic from NAWS-China Lake.

***Please allow extra time to account for traffic congestion, delays, and parking. ***

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