



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

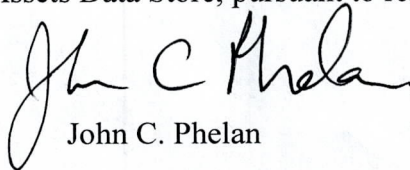
SUBJECT: Assignment of Withdrawn Lands South of Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma for Use as National Defense Area

References: (a) Establishment of the National Defense Area in Connection with the National Emergency at the Southern Border, 18 June 2025
(b) Marine Corps Order 5530.14A
(c) DoD Instruction 4165.14 "Real Property Inventory and Reporting," September 8, 2023

Effective immediately, federal lands and interests in lands temporarily transferred under emergency authorities from the Department of the Interior administrative jurisdiction to the Department of the Navy (DON), pursuant to Public Land Order 7964 (effective July 22, 2025) under 43 U.S.C. §1714(e), are assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma (MCAS Yuma) (Real Property Unique Identifier 2425197) for use as a National Defense Area (NDA). This assignment supports the National Emergency established by Presidential Proclamation 10886, dated 20 January 2025 and Presidential Memorandum/NSPM-4 (Military Mission for Sealing the Southern Border of the United States and Repelling Invasion), dated April 11, 2025.

Exercise of all necessary authority, direction and command and control over these lands is assigned to MCAS Yuma and will be in accordance with reference (b) during the duration of the emergency land withdrawal. Commander, United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) will support installation security through the execution of the mission described in Executive Order 14167. Close coordination is required to facilitate USNORTHCOM's mission and to ensure all signage and fencing required for the NDA are in place to operate in the NDA.

Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations & Logistics (Facilities) is designated as the Real Property Accountable Officer for these lands and will promptly register the transferred lands in the DON's Accountable Property System of Records, internet Navy Facility Assets Data Store, pursuant to reference (c).


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