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## Death Valley News Release

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### Temporary Closure of Barker Ranch Site at Death Valley National Park

Death Valley National Park in cooperation with Inyo County Sheriff's Office will be temporarily closing access to Barker Ranch to complete additional soil testing in the investigation of possible human remains around the site. The closure will occur later in this month and is estimated to take up to 3 days. Barker Ranch is located in the southwest corner of the park and was the hideout for Charles Manson and his followers. It was ultimately the location where Charles Manson was arrested. The public and media will be turned away from the site during the investigation.

Earlier reports have indicated that there is the possibility of human remains on the site that may tie to the Manson occupation of the area. This has led to Inyo County's decision to do additional testing of several sites to determine the reliability of whether bodies are buried there.

The temporary closure is to protect the integrity of the investigative process as well as the property rights of the private land owners adjacent to Barker Ranch as well as the resources of Death Valley National Park.

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