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## Death Valley News Release

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### **Second 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 for a second time this year to assist them in the on-going investigation of possible human remains around the site. The first closure was in April. The closure will occur later this month and is estimated to take up to 4 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. Anyone not directly involved in the investigation will be turned away from the site. Access through Goler Wash, Mengel Pass, and Butte Valley will not be affected by this closure.

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. Inyo County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency in this investigation.

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